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## Jail for a Penarth man involved in high-speed chase

A HIGH-SPEED five-mile police chase ended when the driver of a car attempted to flee from a police officer and was rugby-tackled to the ground, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Ashley Cole (31), had driven in Barry and Dinas Powys at speeds of up to 70mph in a 30mph area, taking blind bends on the wrong side of the road and had

travelled around roundabouts on the wrong side of the road.

Cole of Bird Crescent, Penarth, was jailed for 16 months and disqualified from driving for two years.

He had admitted charges of dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, driving while disqualified, failing to stop and aggravated vehicle taking.

Said Recorder Robert Britton: "You drove dangerously and in an erratic manner. It was appalling."

### Report by AJ SICLUNA

The incident began, said prosecutor Nuhu Gobir, when Cole took a Volkswagen Touran from outside a house in Penarth.

At 1am on July 22, the vehicle was spotted by the police in St Andrews Major heading towards Dinas Powys.

It failed to stop, and

then began a five-mile chase.

In Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, he travelled at 70mph, took blind bends on the wrong side of the road and went along the Barry Docks link road at 50mph.

At one point, he swerved and a tyre burst, but he turned into Barry Dock before travelling along South Road towards Penarth. He was

swinging from side to side and at one point stopped and ran from the vehicle.

A police officer chased him and rugby tackled him to the ground and he told the officer: "I \*\*\*\*\* borrowed it."

He said that initially, another person had taken the vehicle and would not accept that his driving was dangerous.

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## BARRY PUPILS SHINE!



ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive students were celebrating another strong year of A Level results. Pictured above are James Lofthouse, who will be studying mechanical engineering at Cardiff University, Sion Kinson, who will be studying geology at Cardiff University, and Mitchell Scott, who will be studying graphic communication at Cardiff Metropolitan University. SEE MORE PICTURES AND A FULL REPORT ON PAGE 5

## RUGBY STARS IN CYCLE RIDE TO BARRY ISLAND – FOR A HOST OF GOOD CAUSES

### REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A former Welsh rugby international is among sportsmen and celebrities taking part in a charity ride, inspired by Gavin and Stacey, from Billericay in Essex to Barry Island which concludes this Sunday, August 24.

Alix Popham told The GEM: "We hope to arrive at the promenade on Barry Island at around 3pm to 3.30pm. "There will photo opportunities for

people who turn up – and it will be nice to get a welcome. The route of the ride from Essex to the Vale is 270 miles and has been checked out to make sure it is cycle-friendly. There are quite a few country lanes involved.

"We leave Billericay on Friday and head for Reading, where we stay overnight. On Saturday, we complete the leg to Bristol. On the Sunday, we head for Barry Island. The Tenovus

choir is due to greet us there." Alix is riding to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and a children's charity, Tree of Hope, that helps a little boy called Luca who lost his legs due to meningococcal septicaemia.

Among others taking part are Stacey Solomon, Sian Lloyd, Colin Charvis, Rhys Williams, Lloyd Burns, Mark Regan, Lee Mears and Iolo

Williams. Stacey Solomon and Sian Lloyd aim to raise funds for Abigail's Footsteps, a charity helping mothers and families who have endured the pain of stillbirth. Lloyd Burns is supporting Welsh Hearts.

To support Macmillan Cancer Support, go to [www.justgiving.com/AlixPopham11](http://www.justgiving.com/AlixPopham11); to help Luca and the Tree of Hope cause for sick children, go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/AlixPopham2/>

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## SCHOOL IMAGE IS STILL IMPORTANT

**W**ITH reference to the letter in last week's GEM, I have some sympathy with the views of Mr JH Evans regarding pupils bringing the Cowbridge school into disrepute.

I didn't go to 'Cowbridge school', I went to Cowbridge Grammar School, but that was 70 years ago when it was a boarding school.

In those days, your state of dress was a strict discipline, as was your behaviour in general.

You had to present a

good image to the people of the town and the school was keen to maintain that image.

I have no doubt that the same principles applied to the Cowbridge High School for girls at that time.

Perhaps some of them, if they are still in the area, will remember.

A few names come to mind - Sheila Gibbs the baker's daughter, Enid Adams the farmer's daughter, and dear Jean Miller, the Scottish doctor's daughter.

However, all that was long ago, but I feel that the principle should still apply. Don't you agree, girls?

David Cirell, Barry.

## 'How fairly is Rhoose treated?'

**R**HOOSE library was not originally selected for the community library delivery model, due to its distance from libraries at Barry and Llantwit Major.

However, on reflection and in view of the increased pressure to identify further savings across the council to respond to the scenarios in the 2015/16 Budget Strategy, it is now considered appropriate to apply the community managed library model to Rhoose Library. (Cabinet meeting Aug 11, 2014).

I and many of the Rhoose constituents are not in accord with this view and wish the council to seriously consider the following.

Rhoose has a population of 6,975 (source VoG website) with a significant immediate growth whose library is staffed by two part-time librarians both working 27 hrs ie 54 hrs total.

Cowbridge, with a population of 6,109 (VoG) is staffed by seven staff, who work a

combination of full-time, job share and part-time, whose hours amount to 123.

It doesn't take a mathematician to work out where the preferences are.

The staff at Rhoose are trained in assisting those in making job applications online as some are unable to access home computers.

There is often a requirement for some people to make these applications online to qualify for job seeker's allowance.

It is debatable if volunteers (around 40) would be qualified to carry out such tasks.

There would be logistical issues, CRB checks for volunteers, who would have difficulty in providing the service required by statute (1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act) to "best value" standard when they will not be qualified.

There is no doubt that the council has to implement severe cuts in the near future.

Do we need 47 councillors? How about a merger with Cardiff? **Coun Philip Clarke** (Rhoose ward).

## Woolworth reunion

**I**AM trying to organise a reunion for former employees of the old Woolworth store on Holton Road, Barry.

If any 'Woolworth girls' from the Barry store would like to get together and take a step back in time, please come to the reunion on Saturday, August 30 at 2pm in College Fields Nursing Home, Barry. Call 01446 733363.

Wendy 'Lynne' Bryan, Barry.

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## 'Wales NHS is doing better than England!'

**I**N last week's GEM, there was another predictable attack on Welsh ambulance response times by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns.

He writes that he will continue to press these times with the Welsh Government and that this cannot continue.

Before making an attack on the Welsh NHS, he should have looked at what the Coalition Government is doing to the NHS in England, where ambulance response times are getting worse.

Ambulances wait up to eight hours outside

## Library closures by the back door?

**I**WONDER if people are aware that the Vale Council are proposing to downgrade the library at Rhoose to a volunteer-led service?

People may recall that a few years ago there were proposals to close the library, one of the

## Barry's lost status

**I**N 2010, when Plaid Cymru was in charge of regeneration at the Welsh Government, Barry was given strategic regeneration area status and £9.8m of funding.

Sadly, after Plaid Cymru left the Welsh Government, Labour changed the rules - scrapping the seven strategic regeneration areas and allowing each of the 22 local councils in Wales to bid for the next round of funding.

The result was that Barry's bid failed at the first hurdle, and we lost out on £15m.

It seems somewhat cheeky, if not downright rude and insulting, that the Labour minister responsible for Barry losing out on that funding, should then come here and tell us that his £1m 'tackling poverty' funding will provide a further boost to the town.

**Coun Ian Johnson, Barry.** (Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales)

## 'The children are not state-owned'

**I**REFER to the article headed '£60 penalty for skipping school' in last week's GEM.

New laws and legislation that restrict and outlaw a parent in making decisions on their children and use that as a way to raise revenue, with basically no real means of appeal, is Big Brother again going too far.

Being late for school is now a crime, yet many reasons can cause lateness - weather, traffic, another member of the family such as the parent becoming ill, going into hospital.

What if a relative dies? We are talking about people, not inanimate objects, who have to negotiate innumerable problems every day, such as the Vale Council playing

around with school opening and closing times during the NATO summit.

Can I assume that parents can charge the council £60 per day as a fine reversed for not allowing their kids to go to school at the proper time over the duration of the summit?

Parents do not have to send children to school to be educated and they can be home schooled via one means or another. Children are also the responsibility of their parents and not state-owned commodities that you control. If I had a child in a school here I would not be paying any fine and you would not be assuming parental rights over my children and telling me what decisions I can or cannot make.

Anne Usher, Barry.

A&E departments before being able to book in patients and A&E departments have failed to meet the four-hour waiting time target for 52 weeks in a row.

English hospital waiting lists are the longest for six years; 3.2 million people are waiting for surgery - that's up by 700,000 since 2010 - and some have waited more than a year.

The Welsh NHS seems to be doing much better than the NHS in England.

So it must be time to stop attacking the Labour-run NHS in Wales just to try and score cheap political points.

G Smith, Llantwit Major.

busiest in the Vale, completely and it seems to me that this latest proposal could mean that the council are trying to reintroduce their closure policy by the back door.

Without being unduly cynical, it seems to me that this view is reinforced by the council's introduction of the volunteer-led unit without taking any steps to find out if there is an adequate supply of suitable volunteers.

Everyone knows that many organisations find it difficult to get people to volunteer to run committees and do charity work, so it seems to me that it cannot be assumed that people could be found. Even if they can, it also seems to me that the excellent standards of service we have come to expect would be bound to fall, at the very least in the short term.

I suggest that everyone who uses Rhoose library contacts the council to express their concern at what seems to be an ill-conceived proposal. Incidentally, I gather that similar policies are likely to be imposed on other village libraries.

Perhaps residents in other parts of the Vale should be contacting the council to find out if they are affected.

Gavin Davies, Penmark.

## 'Please cut the grass!'

**I**WOULD like to thank Mr Andrew Davies

(Cowbridge town clerk) for raising awareness of the misuse of Twt Park by older children playing football etc in the park (The GEM last week).

The likely cause of the problem, however, is that the grass on the old cricket field has not been mown this summer; hence it has been

difficult for the older

children and families to have their usual impromptu 'kickabouts' or other ball games, such as cricket sessions on it.

The narrow Poplars Park is not really suitable for ball games with the river Thaw running through it.

It would be very helpful, therefore, if Mr Davies would arrange for the cricket field to be mown as soon as possible, please.

Anne Evans, Cowbridge.

## 'Cut number of councillors'

**I**READ with increasing incredulity that 'volunteers' are likely to run some council services.

If the council is proposing 'volunteer' staff, might I suggest that this be extended to include 'volunteer' councillors? The resultant substantial savings would surely fund our necessary services, and the personnel employed to run these services efficiently could even be paid out of the proceeds!

If this should be too radical a proposal, perhaps at the very least the number of councillors could be drastically reduced to reflect the proposed reduction in council services.

Jose Tancock, Barry.

## NATO conference a glorified jolly?

**O**N the road between Brussels Airport and Brussels city centre, there is a purpose-built Nato conference facility where security is assured, where there are no camps of protesters waiting to disrupt proceedings, where there is no likelihood of traffic congestion, and where there is no need to interfere with school hours.

Is it reasonable to ask why the conference has to be held in Newport? We are told that this is a great opportunity for south Wales, but it is

difficult to understand what benefits will accrue from the affair.

Those of us who have attended similar conferences know that once the delegates are safely inside the confines of the Celtic Manor Resort, they will not leave it until the conference is over.

So all they will see of Wales is the journey to and from the airport.

I am a supporter of Nato, but have to ask whether this is just a glorified jolly?

W Summerfield, Barry.

## 'No barrier for safety on M4'

**C**AN somebody please tell me who decided to put security fencing along part of the M4 corridor and erect it on the wrong side of the barriers?

What on earth is going to happen now if, for argument sake, a young mother breaks down on this part of the M4 with young children in the car?

Barriers are put there for her (and our) protection from oncoming traffic.

Should we break down, we stand behind the barriers.

## BAD 'DOGGIE BAGS' DICTAT

**I**HAVE just returned from Llantwit Major Town Hall, where I went to obtain a supply of doggie bags.

There I was informed in a friendly manner that due to a revised council dictat I could only have five single bags.

As well as my own dog, I am currently dog-sitting another two while my daughters are on holiday, so these bags will barely last one day.

With lamp posts festooned with dog fouling warnings, this seems a perverse policy by our council.

Rhodri Williams, Llantwit Major.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
21 Thur	04.04	7.8	16.41	7.9
22 Fri	05.11	8.0	17.33	8.4
23 Sat	05.59	8.5	18.18	8.8
24 Sun	06.41	8.9	18.54	9.2
25 Mon	07.11	9.2	19.29	9.4
26 Tues	07.47	9.3	19.59	9.5
27 Wed	08.18	9.4	20.32	9.6
28 Thur	08.49	9.5	21.02	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

# Plaid claim Labour councillors should have made meeting on Memorial Hall

**PLAID CYMRU** has claimed a Barry Town meeting was cancelled last week because not enough Labour councillors could attend it.

Plaid claimed the council's Memorial Hall and Theatre Working Party was due to meet on Tuesday night (August 12) to discuss a possible future funding agreement between the Town Council and the Memo, but it was cancelled on Tuesday afternoon when it was discovered that not enough Labour members

by **GEM REPORTER**

could be at the meeting. The GEM understands that at least two Labour councillors were ill and that another had to step down from the Memorial Hall Working Group after seeking legal advice.

The Plaid Cymru leader on Barry Town Council, Shirley Hodges, expressed disappointment at the cancellation.

She said: "The Memorial Hall and Theatre is an important part of Barry history -

our war memorial to those who bravely gave their lives in conflict, something especially poignant after last week's commemoration ceremony at the Cenotaph.

"It is also a successful theatre and performance centre that is trying to grow itself by becoming Barry's cinema and being able to show blockbuster films or screen live performances from major theatres.

"That is why it is disappointing that the majority Labour group on Barry Town Council are not taking a new funding agreement seriously.

"I understand that councillors on the committee couldn't attend for a number of reasons. That's fine - everybody has good reasons why they can't make meetings, but we were informed that substitutes were allowed on this committee - so any of the 17 Labour councillors could have

attended. I find it hugely disappointing that only one of the 17 showed any willingness to do so - meaning that the meeting was cancelled because only Plaid Cymru councillors were able to be there."

Fellow Plaid Cymru councillor, Ian Johnson, who represents the town centre ward that includes the Memorial Hall and Theatre, said he wanted a secure future for the venue.

He said: "Across Wales, theatres are under threat. We know that Cardiff Council is trying to give the New Theatre and St David's Hall away, and that Rhondda Cynon Taff, is axeing theatres like Pontypridd's Muni Arts Centre. I don't want that to happen in Barry.

"I want to see a fair funding agreement that ensures the Memorial Hall - Barry's War Memorial - can thrive in the future."

The Labour Party will issue a response which The GEM hopes to publish next week.

*'Excuse me, but who are ewe?'*



**LEFT:** The sun shone (mostly!) and 2014 was yet another stellar year for the Vale Show at Fonmon Castle. For full Show coverage turn to pages 17, 19, and 22-25!

## High-speed chase MAN JAILED

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

He was said to have convictions for 83 offences involving dishonesty, violence, motoring matters, possessing drugs, causing criminal damage and witness intimidation.

His solicitor, Jonathan Lewis, said: "Because of the late hour, there was mercifully very little traffic and few pedestrians about. I accept his antecedents do him no favours.

"Drugs and drink have played a crucial role in his offending, but he has attempted to mend his ways."

He was ordered to take the extended driving test and to pay a victim surcharge fee of £100.

## CHEESED OFF

**POLICE** in Penarth are searching for a man who stole a quantity of cheese from the Co-operative supermarket on Windsor Road at around 1.30pm on Wednesday, August 13.

The man placed a number of packets of cheese into a bag and had left the store without making payment.

You can now read The GEM online - visit [barry-today.co.uk](http://barry-today.co.uk) and follow the link!

## Friends' day out

**FORTY-FIVE** Friends and Neighbours at Barry had a meal together at Spinney in Sully, and for many it was their first day out for a while due to lack of mobility.

Said Gay Fifield, coordinator of the group: "We had mini buses from Voluntary Transport Services to get them there but it was so worth it just to see them chatting to one another enjoying each other's company."

They are looking forward to their mystery summer outing with lunch and visit to Barry Memorial Hall to see Hairspray.

Contact Gay Fifield, coordinator on 01446 400044 for further information.

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## KIDDEIWINKLES' PIRATES AND PRINCESSES PARTY



KIDDEIWINKLES Childcare celebrated the end of the school year in style when they joined in the fun at a 'Pirates and Princesses' party, with treasure hunts, yummy food, face painting, pass the parcel and free play.

## Students celebrate at St Cyres...and look forward to university life



A TESTAMENT to the way in which students are challenged at St Cyres School, Penarth, is the high percentage of those students who have exceeded their nationally-set targets and are looking forward to a bright future at university.

There were many outstanding individual achievements with 83.2 per cent of our results being at grades A\*-C.

A total of 98 per cent St Cyres sixth form students have been awarded the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma, which is equivalent to an A grade at A-level.

In addition, a number of Year-12 students achieved major success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, the headteacher, commented: "There

is now a more challenging environment for the country's young people in terms of university places and employment prospects but our students are well placed to enter this competitive arena.

"This is due to their own hard work and the professionalism and dedication of our teaching staff, who have supported them every step of the way.

"The experience our sixth form students has gained through studying for the Welsh Baccalaureate will have given them a head start in their university studies.

"I congratulate every one of them on their achievements and wish them well for the future."

**Summary of results:** 41 per cent of grades were A\*/A; 83 per cent of grades were A\*-C; 99 per cent of grades were A\*-E.

Achievements of the following pupils are worthy of special note:

Michelle Ball, Ffion Thomas and Chloe Whiteley, who all achieved two A\* grades and two A grades each; Alex Fenwick two A\* grades, one A and one C; Sian Evans one A\*, 3 A grades, one B; Theo Llewelyn one A\* and three A grades; Sam Peterken one A\*, three A grades and one B; Dominic Dattero-Snell one A\*, one A and two Bs; Elena Jamieson one A\*, one A and two Bs; William Richards one A\*, two A grades and one B.

Cleo Andreola, Harry Skyrme and Nick Stephens all achieved four A grades each. Gareth Lennon, Sahar Ibrahim and Rochelle Ahmed achieved three A grades each.

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## Kayakers in rescue drama

AT 7.20pm on Sunday (August 17) the volunteer crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station launched the lifeboat to assist a swimmer in trouble at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island.

The swimmer was with friends who tried to rescue the young man, but started to get into difficulties themselves.

As the lifeboat was launching, kayakers in the area were able to assist the swimmers and help them to the shore.

The Bristol Pilot Cutter, based in Barry, also responded to the urgent call for assistance.

Hugh Davies, Coxswain of the Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat counselled: "Always swim at a lifeguarded beach and respect the water."

"Swimming in the sea with tides and wind against you can be much tougher than swimming in a pool.

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# "Green Farm development does not serve town's needs" SAYS CAMPAIGNER

by GEM REPORTER

**CAMPAIGNERS** are urging people to object to proposals for 200 houses at Green Farm, Weycock Cross.

They claim a Taylor Wimpey development there would cause traffic chaos and argue that it would not serve the town's housing needs.

One campaigner, Barbara Entwistle, told The GEM, that people had 21 days to object to proposals, but with it being a holiday period it gave some people little time.

She said: "This is obviously advantageous to the developers who will assume that residents who have not submitted objections are in favour of the proposed development."

"I understand this site is not included in the proposed new LDP and is designated green wedge and is outside the urban boundary."



*Cows graze in fields that are now subject to a planning application.*

"The land is currently farmed and there are cows grazing in the field as I write."

"The housing need in Barry is for smaller social and affordable homes to avoid the bedroom tax and where there are adequate facilities such as schools, doctors and public transport, the infrastructure is not in place for such a development."

"Anyone travelling near Weycock Cross at peak times will know the traffic chaos and danger a large development such as this would create."

"I understand from the Planning Department

that as this is a new application residents must send in new objections. However, copies of previous letters may be sent advising that their objections still stand and quoting the new planning application reference."

Vale MP Alun Cairns described the potential development at "inappropriate" and says he is disappointed it was resubmitted by developers.

Residents can send in their views to the Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department quoting reference number 2014/00863/OUT/ELL.

# Barry Comprehensive School's achieve outstanding pass rate



*Christopher Nash will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University and Thomas Stoneman will be studying Neuroscience at Cardiff University*

**B A R R Y** Comprehensive School sixth form students are celebrating another outstanding set of A-level results.

Headteacher Gerard McNamara said: "Teachers and governors are delighted with the A-level results. The dedication and hard work of the students has been rewarded with nearly all students achieving their university entry requirements."

"Students have gained access to a variety of top universities across Britain. The school achieved 98 per cent A-level pass rate. We wish them all every success in the future."

Particular individual achievements include: Jahn Hartland achieved grades A\* A\* A\* A and will be taking a gap year before studying medicine. James Lofthouse



*Daniel Woolford will be studying English at the University of Exeter.*



*Matthew Bohun will be studying Film and Television Production at the University of York*



*Jahn Hartland will be taking a gap year before studying Medicine*



*Dulovan Hughes will be studying Diagnostic Radiography at Liverpool University and Bradley Davies will be studying Film and Television Studies at Aberystwyth University*



*Jacob Berg will be studying Computer Science with Security and Forensics at Cardiff University*

## Positive Image will welcome you!

THE Positive Image Photographic Society, based on Barry Island, is a small group of enthusiasts who meet weekly, for talks by visiting speakers, hands-on practical evenings, 'gentle reviews' of members' work, as well as other aspects of photography, such as 3D and audio-visual presentations.

New members are welcomed. If interested, visit the club's website positive-image.smugmug.com or call 01446 751 389 to find out more – or turn up at meetings each Thursday, starting on September 4 at 7.30pm at St Baruc's Church on Phyllis Street, Barry Island CF62 5UH.

## Town council prepares for anniversary of cemetery

by GEM REPORTER

MERTHYR DYFAN Cemetery is a huge part Barry's heritage and in a few weeks' time the town council plans to mark its 125th anniversary.

The cemetery covers 56 acres and more than 40,000 people have been buried there.

The event takes places on Saturday, September 13, starting at 10am.

There will be historical walks and talks; archives; a choir performance in the chapel at 4pm; funeral transport through the ages; and, the council promises, much more.

Barry Town Council is being supported in the event by local funeral directors, memorial masons, Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Ladies Choir and Glamorgan Archives.

The GEM will carry a full preview nearer the time.



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# THE TRAVELLERS IN MIND CAFE RECEIVES A SPECIAL DELIVERY



**LEFT:** Representatives of Dow Corning, Mind in the Vale and the Travellers in Mind Cafe/Gallery, welcome the arrival of new equipment and signage at Broad Street. Left to right: Sean Murphy, Johanne Stacey-Davies, Erica Frost, Roger Hamilton and Jean Heden-Vaughan

**MIND in the Vale recently launched new signage at Travellers in Mind Cafe/Gallery at Broad Street Station.**

Caroline Chapman of Mind in the Vale explained: "Dow Corning visited Travellers in Mind Cafe/Gallery to see how they could help Mind in the Vale and kindly purchased a new chilled cabinet, drinks display, as well as designed bespoke signage to advertise the cafe and gallery."

"The Travellers in Mind Cafe/Gallery is a unique project based at the Barry train station which offers valuable work experience for people who have a 'lived experience' of mental health problems."

"As well as gaining valuable skills people also receive accreditation from Cardiff & Vale



**ABOVE:** One of the volunteers with the new equipment.

College. The gallery "If anyone needs any help or advice for themselves, or if someone close to them is affected by mental health problems, please check our website www.mindinthevale.org.uk or phone 01446 730792."



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## Mobile library 'pops up' in Barry



**ABOVE:** The mayors of Barry and the Vale along with Coun Stuart Egan, deputy leader of the Vale Council, and libraries officer Marie Griffiths introduce residents to the new pop-up library service.

**THE new pop-up library service was officially launched at Baltimore House, Barry on Friday, August 8.**

Residents and visitors enjoyed sitting down in the conservatory with a good book along with refreshments provided by the staff to welcome back the mobile service.

The pop-up library, delivered by the Vale Council with the majority of the funding coming from Barry Town Council, visits care homes and sheltered housing projects around Barry giving people who are unable to get to the library the opportunity to choose their own books at home.

Coun Stuart Egan, cabinet member for adult services said: "It's great to

see this service up and running, reaching those readers who lost out when the mobile library service was cancelled in 2011, and we're really pleased that the initial response has been so positive."

"There is scope to extend the service further in Barry if other homes come forward and express an interest."

At present the service operates on a Friday, visiting each venue for an hour every third week.

Any care homes or Housing Associations not currently making use of the service may phone the library service outreach officer, Andrea Griffiths on 01446 725381 for further details and to arrange a visit.

## Stunning views are the reward for braving weather!

**PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' ROUND-UP**

**CLIVE and his group of 16 set out through Cwm Ivy Woods on a glorious morning, skirting the salt marsh to join a track leading to Llanmadoc, where the small church is dedicated to St Madoc.**

Rev JD Davies was the rector of this church and St Cadoc's Church in Cheriton, their next port of call, from 1860 to 1911. He became much loved and famed for writing *A History of West Gower* and for his wonderful woodcarvings in both churches, as well as building and designing the Old Rectory in Llanmadoc, which is based on a Swiss house he saw while on holiday.

From the Barry Pill, they climbed to Stormy Castle, then through the remains of the Iron Age hill fort at The Bulwarks to their lunch stop on Llanmadoc Hill, with stunning views over the Carmarthen coast, and back towards Worm's Head and Rhossili Down.

They passed through Delvid Burrows and climbing Hills Tor – more stunning views – this time across Broughton Bay and Whiteford Burrows – where during World War Two shells and ammunition fired from Penclawdd towards Whiteford Point left vast quantities of unwanted munitions buried in the sand, which are still being unearthed today.

**Blustery walk**  
William and three companions set off on a 17-mile adventure from the lovely ruined Augustinian Llanthony Priory, in the rugged Vale of Ewyas, climbing up Cwm Bwchel to Bal Mawr for morning refreshment.

A long journey along the ridge past the Blacksmith's Anvil to Rhos Dirion lay ahead and the forecast weather of blustery showers came true as the first rain, hail and wind squall hit them full in the face.

But the sun reappeared and taking the track to Twmpa or 'Lord Hereford's Knob' before descending and crossing the Gospel Pass, another stiff climb to Hay Bluff lay ahead of them.

Under more heavy rainfall and in windy conditions, lunch was rapidly abandoned and climbing to the summit of Hay Bluff and joining part of Offa's Dyke Path the foursome tramped south on Hatterall Ridge.

With stunning views of the Golden Valley, Malvern Hills, Sugar Loaf and Skirrid and the peaks of the central Beacons to gaze at, they at last managed the remainder of their lunch, before descending the steep nose of Loxidge Tump back into the Honddu valley and their start point.

On August 23, meet at the earlier time of 8am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile moderate walk at Herb Mountain; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

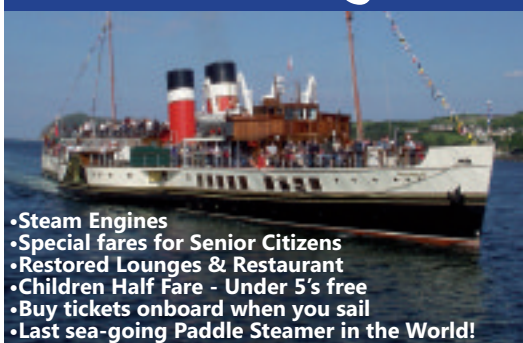
On August 24, meet at 9am at Cogan, for a 10-mile moderate walk taking in Glasbury and Hay-on-Wye; contact Sylvia on 029 2070 8758.

On August 25 meet at 10am at St Curig's Church, Porthkerry (off the airport bend) for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in the Kenyon Valley and Penmark; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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# SPOT THE FACES FROM SCHOOLDAYS PAST!



ABOVE AND BELOW: These fascinating images were taken by Buchanan, Portslade, Sussex at Cowbridge Girls High School in 1971 and recently turned up in the loft of an Abergavenny resident, Mr Nick Tatam! If you recognise yourself, or anyone in the school photo, and can tell us more, please contact the editorial department at The GEM (see page 2 for the details).



## SPECIAL OPEN DAY

A SPECIAL opening day was held at Alexandra Gardens, Barry last week, in glorious sunshine to mark the official opening of new play facilities and fitness equipment for the local community.

It coincided with National Play Day in Wales with the Vale Council's sports development team, led by Jo Jones, organising games and activities for local children and families.

The new facilities include a play pod providing resources to young children and teenagers as well as

refurbished tennis and basketball courts.

The Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans was in attendance, as well as many visitors to the site.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sport development, said: "Working in partnership with the community has proven beneficial for the users of the site."

"I look forward to the improved wellbeing opportunities for all ages and sectors of the local community when using this equipment."

## Interest groups get a chance to 'have a go'

THE Sully U3A's August open meeting was very successful, with a good attendance of members and non-members.

The various interest groups displayed their activities and there was an opportunity for people to 'have a go'.

There was the usual colourful display from the Knitters and Stitchers, lovely artwork from the painting group and photographs from the photography group to admire.

The other activities on show included the walkers, badminton, drama, local history, ping pong, luncheon, book,

natural healing and computer groups. The interest resulted in an extra ten members being recruited, bringing the membership to almost 270.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11 at 2pm at The Old School, Sully, when the speaker will be Dean Powell, who will speak about Welsh radical Dr William Price.

Dean Powell is a journalist, author, broadcaster and vocalist. His prolific workload varies from presenting high-profile engagements in some of the world's largest concert halls, to lecturing on the life of William Price, of whom he is considered the leading expert.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The booklet *Sully Remembers 1914-1918* commemorating the men from Sully who lost their lives in the First World War, which has been compiled by Kathy Beach and sponsored by Sully U3A, is now available at £5.

All the proceeds from the booklet will be divided between the Royal British Legion and the St John Baptist Churchyard Fund.

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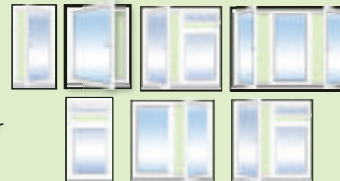
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## 'YOU HAVE DONE ME FOR £60,000' Two men jailed after discovery of cannabis factory

A MAN who grew cannabis plants told police when he was arrested: "You have done me for £60,000."

But the potential crop was worth at its lowest £17,500, said prosecutor David Thomas at Cardiff Crown Court.

Reginald Malgas (24) of Hermon Road, Bridgend, admitted producing cannabis and supplying cannabis. He

### REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

was jailed for 16 months. Breng Ungood (23) of Canberra Road, Bridgend, was also jailed for 16 months, after he admitted being concerned in the supply of cocaine.

Mr Thomas said police officers went to a house in Llynfi Street, Tondy, in December, because they were concerned with anti-social behaviour at another address. Once inside, the officers smelt cannabis and discovered 50 mature plants growing and 120 small plants. There were lamps, filters and fans in operation.

Malgas was arrested and said: "You've done me for £60,000."

Ungood was also arrested, but not linked to the cannabis. There had been a message on a telephone relating to him obtaining cocaine for Malgas.

Sue Ferrier, for Malgas, said: "There is an option rather than custody as he had been making great strides in the right direction."

"He did go into these offences with his eyes open and took a chance. He has a steady girlfriend and family support."

Byron Broadstock for Ungood said: "No drugs were found on him and he was not involved with the cannabis. Both defendants are friends and have been users of drugs."

"His involvement was just one transaction when he acted as a go-between. This case is very different from the norm and was not motivated by financial gain."

Recorder Jonathan Furness said evidence indicated that Malgas had been supplying five people.

He became involved because he wanted to pay off a significant debt.

## A Levels: the gap narrows between Wales and England

by GEM REPORTER

A Level students in Wales narrowed the gap with their English counterparts, with Vale pupils excelling.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, more students have got good grades compared to last year in WJEC examinations, with 26.9 per cent of entries gaining an A or A\* grades, compared with 25.7 per cent last year.

A total of 79 per cent of entries also gained a grade of C or above compared with 77.5 per cent last year. And 98.2 per cent of entries were awarded a grade of E or above compared with 97.8 per cent last year.

The success rate for students receiving their AS level examination results fell slightly, with 14.3 per cent of WJEC entries gaining an A grade compared with 18.6 per cent last year; 57.7 per cent of results were at grade C or above.

Information released by the WJEC based on the performance of students in Wales entered for examinations with all examination boards reported a stable picture with a small increase in the number

of students gaining A\* and A grades at A level to 23.3 per cent. The proportion of AS level entries gaining A grades was 15.9%.

Commenting on the results, Coun Chris Elmore, Vale cabinet member for children's services, said: "I would like to congratulate students on their many successes."

"It is clear that hard work pays! I would also want to wish our students the very best for the future, as they take the next steps which for many, will be a place at university."

Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, regional AM Andrew RT Davies, also congratulated students in the Vale: "Without doubt, these results are the fruits of years of hard work by students, ably supported by their teachers, parents, governors, and all deserve great credit and recognition for these achievements."

But he added: "It remains a matter of concern that after 15 years of Labour governments, 'systemic failure' in Welsh education and falls in international comparisons, that Wales is still at the bottom of the UK league table for A-Levels."

## 'Scrap council year books'

BARRY councillor Richard Bertin is calling for yearbooks given out to councillors and officials in the Vale, to be scrapped, as most of the information is now available online.

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# Meeting with Rhoose man was 'inspirational'

**T**HERE are many inspirational stories in the Vale of Glamorgan, but I will be hard pushed to hear a more stirring story than that of Rhoose resident Zac Smith, a man that has lost over half of his body weight in less than three years.

When I met Mr Smith and he told me about the rollercoaster journey he has been on in his quest to turn his life around, after weighing more than 50 stone at his heaviest in 2010, I couldn't help but feel moved by his story.

We met at Coffee Time in Rhoose, and it was there that I immediately understood his passion to help others in a similar situation and how his progress in losing over half of his bodyweight can offer useful lessons in dealing with obesity.

Having featured on the BBC Wales programme *Week In, Week Out* recently, Zac told me how, on his own initiative he had travelled to India to seek help for his weight loss.

He had been refused treatment by NHS Wales on the basis of a narrow qualifying criteria for

## VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

bariatric surgery. Zac told me that he could have qualified for the surgery in England.

He chose to self-fund the cost of the £9,000 gastric sleeve operation in India. After saying goodbye to all of his family one by one, he travelled alone to meet his surgeon, who advised that the operation had just a one in two chance of success.

Following the successful weight loss surgery, he was again refused an NHS Wales operation to remove over three stone of excess skin – meaning another trip to India was necessary.

Meeting Zac in person meant I saw how healthy he looked, and it was heartening to see the glint in his eye had returned.

Despite the fact that he was still waiting to fully heal from his most recent operation, his enthusiasm to help others was infectious.

To see such a transformation from the deep depression that contributed to his weight gain was incredible, even more so after he told me stories of being laughed at in the street by children when simply buying a pint of milk, and how walking, or washing became impossible – leading to the downward spiral that he has now left behind.

When I left after such an inspirational meeting, I was reminded of how obesity in Wales is not a black and white issue, and with over 15,000 in Wales now eligible for bariatric surgery we must ensure that both the NHS and patients can cope with the growing pressure.

We must think about the medical costs of associated complications such as diabetes and the pressure they add to the NHS in Wales, both in terms of funding long term chronic obesity related conditions, and what pressures they place on waiting times.

Zac wants to use his experience to help others, and I am keen to hear from constituents who may have family or friends in a similar situation in the Vale and to put them in touch.



ABOVE: Alun Cairns MP with Zac Smith from Rhoose.

## Where will the cuts fall in Vale?

### READER'S VIEW

THE Vale Council has now announced that the Vale can look forward to over £32 million worth of 'savings' over the next three years, and they have stated that nothing is free from scrutiny.

Does that mean we will be getting rid of the CEO, or that the council leader will be taking a 50 per cent pay cut, or the deputy leader will take a non-paying role – perhaps we can even get rid of the Mayoral role?

How about a parking charge for Vale councillors, say at a cost of £10 for two hours? Those people calling for the Vale to be joined at the hip with Cardiff Council should be careful what they wish for.

They are just as easygoing in spending our money as the Vale.

D J Radford, Barry.

## PACT meetings

A BIKE marking event will take place at the Knap, Barry, on August 28 between 10am and 2pm.

Neighbourhood officers and British Transport police will be on hand to offer some valuable advice and free security marking.

Coffee and Chat at The Blue Anchor, East Aberthaw on Thursday, August 28 at 11am.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT at Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on Monday, September 1 at 7pm.

BARUC PACT at St Baruch's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island on Monday, September 8 at 6.30pm.

CASTLELAND PACT at the Civic Offices Barry on Monday, September 8 at 7pm.

STANWELL PACT at Elfed Avenue Church on Friday, September 5 at 7pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT at Byrd Crescent Community Hall Centre on Thursday, September 11 at 7pm.

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## MAN ATTEMPTED TO SWALLOW EVIDENCE

WHEN police officers spotted a man they suspected of having drugs on him, he put an amount of amphetamine in his mouth and tried to swallow it, Cardiff Crown Court heard, writes AJ Sicluna.

Clifford Foster (49) unemployed, of Gors Las, North Cornelly, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months after he

admitted possessing amphetamine.

Said Recorder Jonathan Furness: "It really is very sad looking at your record. You had eight years when you were out of trouble. You can do it. After that you were regularly before the courts. This is your last chance."

He added: "Don't come back to court because you have breached this order."

Prosecutor Gareth James said police officers on duty in North

Cornelly saw the defendant and when he saw them, he took something out of his pocket and put it in his mouth.

He eventually spat out an amount of amphetamine, said Mr James.

He admitted it was his, said he had forgotten it was in his pocket, and panicked.

His counsel, Francis Jones, said: "At the time, he was in financial difficulty."

## Rail enthusiasts descend on town



Many rail enthusiasts came to Barry, some from as far a way as north Yorkshire, last Saturday and Sunday, to ride behind two locomotives from the Barry Collection. The class 08 shunter was the special attraction as this was its first run since a major overhaul. Also one of only a few class 73s in private ownership was in service too. Mike Baker, one of the volunteers at the railway gave conducted tours of the engine shed adjacent to Barry Station.

IMAGES by NICK WILCOCK

## 'Re-ignite the flame of St John's school, Porthcawl'

I HAVE read with tremendous sadness and astonishment the news that my old school, St John's in Newton, Porthcawl, has suddenly closed its doors.

The seeming rush to close implies a quick-fire decision and one senses the hurt and damage which this has inflicted on staff and pupils alike.

It is hard to believe that an institution with a legacy stretching over 93 years could not have been preserved, having survived the economic downturns of the 1930s, 1970s, 1990s, and our most current downturn.

We are, after all, out of recession and back in firm economic growth, sustainable ground for the private schools' sector.

The legacy of Harry John Crampton, the headmaster/owner of the school between 1956 and the mid 1970s, was a school with a strong sense of purpose, a clear mission with resolute values and an inspiring ethos.

A man, who was one of those instrumental people in enabling Great Britain to win the Second World War working alongside 'Bouncing Bomb' Barnes Wallace, was himself the best headmaster I have ever met.

Harry, who inspired generations and established a school with such a sense of purpose and durability, can only be spinning in his grave at this terrible news.

Harry's values and ethos have led to an array of pupils moving on from St John's to populate the highest levels of the professions of accountancy, medicine, government, education, and science.

A wealth of extremely talented former pupils, leaders in their own fields, have followed and applied the values of St John's and inspired others.

Though the gates are locked, the school remains an entity and alive in the minds of many.

In reading the press and social media, it is apparent, in my opinion, that no opportunity for a management buy-out from the school's own education team was properly considered.

Therefore, the final axe is far from falling yet! With the premises available and left in a time warp of but a few weeks, and doubtless the majority of the staff in workless limbo, I would invite the creditors-liquidators, and those with a vested interest in the school, to reach out, come together and re-ignite the flame of St John's, and re-start it with a new business model.

School businesses can

today be more innovative in the way they breathe and develop, and in this case a business alliance between the creditors, the liquidators, the former staff, and supportive ex-pupils would enable St John's to continue and prosper.

Harry never had crowd sourcing, crowd funding, and legacy giving and social media when he took the helm and led St John's forward in 1956.

We have these fantastic tools and our own energy and enthusiasm for St John's.

There is a great opportunity to seize and run with. I would ask the creditors to realise this opportunity.

Yes, stakeholders can work together to realise this opportunity. We owe it to Harry, and to the pupils, who were so brutally turfed out a few weeks ago, to use all of these tools and our own energy, commitment, and enthusiasm to come together – all four groups of us, to seize this chance and say: "We can."

**Dr Ian Selby, London**  
(boarder at St John's 1973 – 1981)

## Pupils capture wildlife award

MURCH Junior School was awarded first place in this year's Awards for Wildlife, by judges who commended it for the amount of wildlife habitat available and how it is looked after by the pupils.

They also named Y Bont Faen Primary School in second place, and Wick and District Nursery School, and the Amelia Trust Farm.

The winners received £250 and a framed certificate

presentation bowl, which was presented at this year's Vale Show.

Prizes of £100 and £50 were also awarded for second and third places respectively.

Judge Rob Parry of the Wildlife Trust of south and west Wales, said: "The school stood out for a number of reasons, not least because of the amount of wildlife habitat that is available and how the habitats are enjoyed by pupils and wildlife alike."

"Murch Junior School has managed to maintain effective ground for play and other school activities, whilst ensuring that wildlife habitats are created, managed, connected and enjoyed."

# 'My False Widows present no danger'

**I AM writing in response to your article entitled 'Jason healing slowly... and issues warning on spider danger' - in your newspaper dated August 14.**

While there is no doubt that the gentleman in the article obviously had a very serious reaction to the bite of the False Widow spider, this would appear to have been the result of some kind of allergic reaction to the venom in the bite, similar to those who suffer allergic reactions when being stung by a wasp or bee.

Yet do you report on every wasp or bee sting and sensationalise them in such a manner? No.

The False Widow spider, much as you and other media outlets would like to try to show otherwise, is no more dangerous to humans and animals than wasps or bees (or any other biting/stinging insect or arachnid). In fact, it could be argued that they present much less of a threat due to the fact that, unlike wasps and bees, they very rarely come into contact with people and animals, and when they do, they tend to retreat out of the way if they are able to.

From the way in which some of the articles I've read are written, it makes it sound as if these spiders actively go out of their way to attack people which simply is not true! I live in Penarth, and

have three False Widow spiders (that I know of) living in my garden shed.

I know that they are there, they present absolutely no danger to me (or anyone else who uses my shed) whatsoever and I am more than happy for them to keep living in there.

If I were to take on board every over-dramatic report in the papers about these spiders and the "danger" that they pose to the public, I'd never leave the house!

Please try to exercise some sort of balance when reporting on these incidents. Thousands of people are stung by wasps every single day in the UK, and a small percentage of these will suffer allergic reactions very similar to the one suffered by the gentleman in the article.

In extreme cases, some of these people will actually die from

the sting, yet you never hear this reported.

It would seem as if the poor old False Widow spider seems to be the criminal of choice at the moment.

False Widow spiders are in the UK and they are here to stay.

The sooner people get over that fact and accept it, the sooner the media can stop sensationalising every single bite or sting as if it is a major incident.

**Mark Tully, Penarth.**

## GEM NOTE:

*The article concerned specifically stated that incidents of this kind are 'relatively isolated'.*

*In no sense, therefore, could it be described as 'sensationalising' the issue.*

*Mr Butler, a GEM reader, wanted his story told.*

*For him and his worried family it WAS a major incident.*

## Two on a bike raise £1,200 for Air Ambulance



**LEFT: Lizzie Townsend and Rhodri Mortimer, who took on the Prudential RideLondon - Surrey 100 bike ride.**

**TANDEM riders Lizzie Townsend and Rhodri Mortimer from Blackwood joined more than 20,000 cyclists in the Prudential RideLondon - Surrey 100 challenge - to raise over £1,200 for Wales Air Ambulance.**

Despite the thunder, lightning and buckets of rain that poured down, they managed to complete the whole cycle with smiles on their faces.

Lizzie said: "There was such a buzz about the whole day. People cheered when they saw our tandem and wished us luck. I'm still trying to get used to sitting still and not cycling up and down the hills of Surrey and past the sights of London!"

"We felt elated that we'd worked so hard. We enjoyed every minute of it and have been able to raise over £1,000 for such an important charity."

As a paramedic, Lizzie chose to support the helicopter charity after seeing first-hand the difference that the service makes. "I have worked in emergency care for six years, and

before I moved to London, I had the assistance of Wales Air Ambulance crew on several occasions.

"Each time, they had helped the patient in ways I would not have been able to. They offer a time-saving solution to getting the help they needed."

Lizzie recalls one time in particular where the assistance of the Wales Air Ambulance was vital: "I specifically remember an accident with a girl who had a minor head injury and had knocked out both her front teeth after falling off her bike."

"We were able to treat her and offer assistance to get her to A&E, but the journey by road would have taken an hour and a half. Wales Air Ambulance took her there in seven minutes. Their helicopters and crew are crucial and I hope with our fundraising that they can continue."

Wales Air Ambulance relies entirely on donations to fund its three helicopters in north, mid and south Wales, which costs over £6 million each year. To make a donation for Lizzie and Rhodri's fundraising efforts, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/m/Lizzie-Townsend/>.

## Top doctors are honoured

**THE top doctors of tomorrow have been honoured for the contributions they are making today.**

Each year, the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) best trainee awards recognise their contribution.

They also take into account other aspects of trainee doctors' lives, from fundraising and any social activities they take part in during their year at ABMU Health Board.

This year, there were 18 nominations for the four award categories - seven senior trainees, three junior trainees, seven foundation trainees and one GP trainee.

ABMU vice chairman Dr Ed Roberts said: "All the nominations were of a very high standard but were eventually shortlisted to two for each category."

"The shortlisted trainees were then invited to give a presentation at the best trainee awards ceremony."

The eight nominations were: Carley Hopkins, Dr Robert Dean Smith, Dr Umakant Dave, Dr Adam Phillips, Dr Daniel Obaid, Dr Gemma Pearson, Dr Helen Fielding and Dr Nathan West.

Dr Adam Phillips was named best foundation trainee; Dr Nathan West and Dr Helen Fielding were joint winners of the best junior trainee category; the best senior trainee award went to Dr Daniel Obaid;

and Dr Gemma Pearson was named best GP trainee.

Dr Roberts, who was one of the award judges, said: "The standard of the presentations was extremely high."

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## Show visitors choose the favourite photo



**'Coming Home' by Jim Thomas.**

**THE Vale Photographic Club mounted an exhibition of members' work at the recent Vale Show and included a competition for visitors to select their favourite photograph.**

**The most popular photograph was**

**'Coming Home' by member Jim Thomas, the winner of the competition, selected at random from those choosing this picture, was Mr Lewis of Bridgend, who received a £10 book token.**

**The club meets at Ystradowen Village Hall on Fridays at 7.15pm. The new season starts on September 5. GH**

## Welsh learners' choir triumph in Eisteddfod

**A CHOIR of Welsh learners from Barry, Cardiff and the Vale won first prize in their class at the Welsh national Eisteddfod in Llanelli.**

Côr Dysgwyr Caerdydd a'r Fro, under the musical direction of Dot Connell of Barry, had strong competition from four other choirs, but succeeded in winning again after their win at the Llandow Eisteddfod two years ago.

The competition was held in the big pink pavilion on the main stage for the first time this year, so they also had to contend with TV cameras and bright lights! This was the first time for many choir members to attend the Eisteddfod, or compete on stage, and was a very memorable day indeed.

**Da iawn pawb!**

**JT**

## Cloudy2Clear Windows - Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes - not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, B&T and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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# 'Care sector sleepwalking into disaster' – Forum chief



Mario Kreft, chair of Care Forum Wales.

A SOCIAL care leader has called for fundamental changes to tackle a "dire shortage of nurses" in the Vale, leading to nursing home closures that will push the NHS beyond breaking point.

Mario Kreft MBE.

chair of Care Forum Wales, has claimed the major cause of the problem is the flawed way in which social care is commissioned: "The commissioning process should be about quality and securing value for money and not about paying the lowest possible price."

Mr Kreft spoke out after it was revealed two homes in the Bridgend area were closing. HC One, which owns Abergarw Manor in Brynmelyn and Southmead Grange in South Cornelly, blamed 'a national shortage of nursing staff' for the 'very difficult decision'. The closures are symptomatic of the problems also affecting care homes across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Mr Kreft said: "We know there are major issues affecting the care sector in the Vale of Glamorgan, particularly in care homes registered for nursing. The owners of the two homes in Bridgend have been quite clear that for them the

overriding issue was the lack of nurses, the inability to recruit enough nurses of the right calibre.

"That is something that is reflected across Wales. It should be recognised that the commissioning arrangements make it very difficult to attract people to work in the sector."

"In Wales, we don't commission for quality, it's more about price, and we then work backwards from the fee that we're given by local authorities and local health boards."

Another important fact was "The NHS is refusing to pay for 24/7 nursing presence in nursing homes, yet the Welsh Government regulations insist on this."

"There are a total of over 20,000 beds in the independent social care sector in Wales and of those, 11,500 beds are for people who need nursing care – and these beds are underpinning the ability of the NHS to function."

"There are simply not enough new homes being

built to replace the ones that are being lost and this will affect communities across Wales.

"If we don't sort this relatively quickly, the closures are going to accelerate much more quickly than new investment is coming in – all at a time of soaring demand in an ageing society and when the NHS is also bursting at the seams."

"If we don't bring more nurses into the independent sector then we're going to find that the closures which will inevitably come about will mean that more people will have to reside or find their services in a hospital bed," he warned.

"If we're not going to get the quality of commissioning that recognises the quality of staff that we need – both qualified nurses and qualified social care workers – we will be sleepwalking into a disaster," Mr Kreft concluded.



ABOVE: Dr Wendy Lees, Dr Sue Thomas, chairman John Fanshaw, Coun Val Hartrey and David Thomas (treasurer).

## Group hears benefits of new medical centre

**GUEST speaker Dr Sue Thomas, senior GP at Dinas Powys Health Centre spoke of the positive benefits of the proposed medical centre, at the Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern AGM.**

She highlighted the growth in the number of patients, doctors and staff. The number of pensioners had significantly increased to 24 per cent of patients. The current premises on Cardiff Road were inadequate for the demands of the community.

Fifty alternative sites have been examined and the only appropriate site where there was available land, was at the former St Cyres School, Murch Crescent.

One of the priorities of the GPs was to keep people out of hospital

and to be treated in the community.

The medical centre will have more rooms and be able to offer additional services. This might include therapists, care work and advice sessions. There would be provision for patients parking.

Access to the new centre was a concern to some and it is hoped that Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern would be able to assist with transport.

Elected as chairman were Coun John Fanshaw, vice chairman Alan Higgins, secretary Wendy Lees and treasurer David Thomas.

Committee members include Brian West, Colin Turner, Coun Chris Franks, Rev Andrew James, Coun Keith Hatton and Judith Anderson. Val Hartrey continues as the Community Council representative.



Our GEM Facebook winner for August 14, 2014 is:

**Lavine Coombe**

who correctly answered last week's question in The GEM.

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LINDA FEAGAN  
(Supporter Relations officer  
Dogs Trust Bridgend)

# 'Give children's safety priority during summit' – Plaid man's call

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has said that the safety of schoolchildren "must be the first priority" – when the Nato conference is held in Cardiff early next month.

The Vale Council has issued guidance to schools to close early on September 3 and 5 and to open late on September 4. Cardiff Council has now issued its own guidance to a considerable number of schools.

Coun Ian Johnson said that this sort of disruption would have to be expected when a major international event is being planned in south Wales, and that the possibility of an incident must be taken seriously.

The Cardiff and Vale Local Health Board have also said that they may be forced to close Barry Hospital for minor injuries to deal with the summit.

Coun Ian Johnson said this showed the lack of capacity when it comes to staffing in the NHS and that summit organisers hadn't considered the impact on ordinary people.

Coun Ian Johnson said: "The safety and well-being of our schoolchildren has to be the absolute priority at a time when the eyes of the world will be

on Wales. The UK Government made a decision that Wales would play host to a large number of world dignitaries and military leaders during term-time – a large group of people who are, inevitably, terrorist targets at a time of international instability.

"This will inevitably lead to disruption on our roads as their safety and schedules are given priority over those on the school run or heading to and from work."

"It is an inconvenience forced upon us by the UK Government and I find it strange that somebody like Alun Cairns MP, whose party insisted that the Nato conference be held here, complains that security is prioritised like this."

"It is naïve and simplistic to think otherwise. Quite simply, there would be no disruption to our schools, or threats to our safety, if his Government had not organized this event, in Wales, during term-time."

"All we can hope is that the conference is a security success and that it passes off peacefully."

"That is especially the case if Barry Hospital faces closure during the summit because of the lack of available staff, who will be drafted into Cardiff for security purposes – and forcing Barry people to go to

Cardiff even for minor injuries.

"This shows the limited capacity of our Welsh NHS to deal with major events like this."

"Sadly the organisers of the summit don't seem to have considered how an event like this impacts upon everyday life for people in Barry, unconnected to the events at Celtic Manor many miles away."

Local MP Alun Cairns said he was concerned that the disruption to hospital services, in addition to a number of school closures during the summit, leaves residents in the Vale with a number of issues to contend with.

He said: "I simply cannot understand the logic of closing the Minor Injuries Unit in Barry, effectively forcing local residents from the Vale to travel into Cardiff, where the pressure on services will be heightened during the Nato summit."

"I am told that the reason for closure is to provide extra cover in Cardiff. Surely, it would be better to keep Barry MIU open as normal, and extend the unit to residents from west Cardiff – thus reducing congestion in Cardiff. Local businesses and residents in and around the Barry area will be left without an important facility."

The Nato summit is a wonderful opportunity for the Vale, but it is important that the local health board maintains services locally."

## AM's TRIBUTE TO DINAS POWYS CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS

THIS tribute to Audrey Jones of Dinas Powys, who died on Saturday (August 16) was written by Jane Hutt AM.

Audrey Jones was not only a dedicated and inspirational teacher, she was a courageous and committed feminist who helped form the Wales Women's Rights Committee, Wales Assembly of Women.

She was a long-term contributor to UN consultations and debates upholding women's rights across the world, attending the UN as a delegate for Wales in

the past five years, supported by the Welsh Government.

I always welcomed the contributions made by Audrey at our Labour Party meetings, when I was sure to learn a great deal from her questions and scrutiny of my reports, as her Assembly Member and Minister in the Welsh Government.

She was sympathetic to the challenges I described, but was clear about how I had to move forward and represent the interests of my constituency more effectively – especially women and vulnerable people.

Her love of the arts featured

strongly in her life and we enjoyed a shared interest in contemporary music. It was wonderful to see Audrey at the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival in May with her son and friends.

She was also a keen supporter of the Vale of Glamorgan Artists attending the VOGA art exhibitions across the Vale.

Audrey Jones will be greatly missed by her family, friends, the Labour Party and the wide political and friendship network she developed across the world from her home in Dinas Powys.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale of Glamorgan

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# Farm boy who became a local blues legend THE END OF AN ERA...

**CARDIFF blues legend Cal Newman sadly lost his short battle with cancer last week. Cal was a much loved and respected guitarist and singer performing country-blues, ragtime and slide in a varied set of well honed blues.**

Cal discovered the blues as a child of eight – so moved by the depth of this music that he taught himself to sing and play guitar.

From this simple beginning, he went from being a farm boy to a full time musician, this was achieved through single-minded determination and more than a fair share of talent.

The talents of Cal eventually came to the attention of the Welsh Arts Council who invited him to set up a workshop for aspiring guitarists. This workshop not only attracted artists, but working musicians wanting to take their music to a higher place.

The music of Cal Newman can be described as Deep Blues reflecting something of the life of the enigmatic soul singer. His singing captured the mood of the songs, from Muddy Waters to Ry Cooder and allowed his audience to experience the deep emotions of the singer and the songs.

In the early days, Cal played the smoky clubs and bars of



**CAL NEWMAN.**

Cardiff's Dockland and went on to perform with his 'Muddy River Blues Band' at St David's Hall. He also worked for TV as host for 'Sounds of Britain' and was commissioned to compose theme music for many television documentaries in collaboration with Wayne Warlow, top music director in Wales at that time.

For 15 years throughout the '70s and '80s, Cal hosted the show at the Inn on the River and played with every major Welsh musician during that time. To have played with and heard him, is to have had the Cal Newman experience.

Cal settled down to family

life in the town of Llantwit Major with his then wife Marion and three children, Dean, Glen and Lisa. Many an opportunity was turned down by this very humble man, who only ever wanted what was best for his family. If it meant being taken away for long periods of time, fame and fortune would always take second place.

It was love at first sight for Ani and Cal when they first met in the early seventies and have been soul mates for over 40 years: "I've never seen two people more in love. They adored each other and happily spent every waking moment together," said Lisa Newman, Cal's daughter.

He was well loved and respected by all who met him, and will be greatly missed.

*The funeral will be held on August 28 at A. G. Adams & Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home Gladstone Road, Barry, South Glamorgan CF62 8NA*

*The Wake will be at 2:30pm in the Memorial Hall (next door), in Gladstone Road; telephone 01446 738622.*

*A note to all musicians. In the immortal words of Cal ... I'm tellin' ya' feel free to bring your instruments to the wake for a celebration of Cal's life.*



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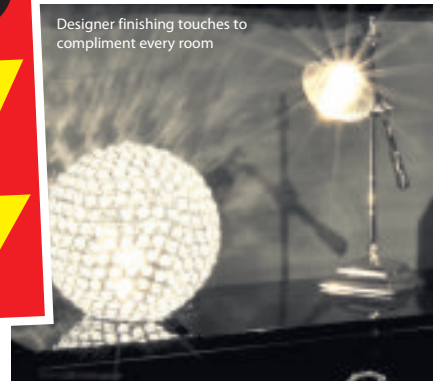
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(SEE MORE SHOW RESULTS AND PICTURES ON PAGES 19, and 22-25)

## Plaid man hits out at 'stop and search' policy on children

PLAID CYMRU Westminster candidate for Ogmere, Tim Thomas, has raised concerns over recent figures revealing the number of South Wales Police stop and searches on children.

He said figures he had obtained under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that over the last five years, South Wales Police have stopped and searched 620 children under the age of 12, including 94 children under the age of 10.

The figures also reveal that from a total of 16,000 stop and searches, 12 per cent were actioned on young people under 16 years old.

Mr Thomas commented: "The stop and search figures reveal how police interact with young people and this concerns me. It shows that a new approach needs to be implemented to ensure that young children are always treated differently to adults."

"The age of criminal prosecution in England and Wales is 10 years old, which is one of the lowest in Europe. This unreasonable threshold is condemning people for mistakes they have made in their youth and is holding back people predominantly from vulnerable backgrounds."

"When you consider young people are heavily represented as victims of crime, we need to improve the relationship and trust between young people and the police."

"This is another reason why I would like to see the full devolution of policing as recommended by the Silk Report, so we would at the very least be able to debate such changes in the Senedd and have our police follow the Scottish example."

"In the meantime, new guidelines on police stop and search on children should be introduced," he concluded.

The GEM invited South Wales Police to comment but, at the time of going to press, a response had not been received.

## The homecraft marquee has flower power!



Mrs Thomas receiving her award.

BEFORE the opening of the Vale of Glamorgan Show, Mrs Joan Frances senior committee member of the homecraft section, presented Mrs Betty Thomas with a floral brooch in appreciation of her high standards and commitment to the floral section in the homecraft marquee.

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These pictures of people enjoying themselves at the Vale Show, were taken by **MIKE WILCOCK**. They are available to order at wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.



Paul and Darren from Select Convenience and Judith Edwards, puppy walker, with 11-month-old puppy Del.



**THERE was great excitement for the Guide Dogs for the Blind recently, as a gold half-sovereign was discovered in the counter top collection box in Select Convenience, Eastgate, Cowbridge.**

Paul and Darren have allowed Guide Dogs to have a counter top box since they opened shop nearly two years ago.

Because of the generosity of their customers, it needs emptying frequently!

The sovereign was authenticated by Mr Johnson of Johnson Jewellery, Westgate Cowbridge, and valued at between £70 and £80!

Guide Dogs would like to thank the people of Cowbridge, who are

very supportive of the local puppy walkers.

All the local businesses allow the puppies in – even the noisy, badly behaved ones! Local people know not to approach a puppy in training, as puppies get easily distracted.

Anyone who feels they would like to be a puppy walker can ring the number below.

Sara Edwards and her friend Tom are taking part in a sponsored bike ride in September 7.

They are having an evening in the Duke on Saturday, August 23, to help raise funds for the Guide Dogs.

The tickets are £10; there will be music and a light buffet. Tickets are available on 02920 596785.

Katherine Price

## ‘WE WERE IN THE PICTURE!’

**W**ITH reference to last week's photo in The GEM of Cowbridge Girls' High School (1971) this was the year I passed my O-Levels and both my sister and I together with 'chums' are in this photo. We were Catherine and Elspeth Watts, and we lived in Llanblethian at the time.

Kate Thomas, Aberthir

## World War One memorabilia

**COWBRIDGE Museum will commemorate the First World War with a display of items and memories on September 5-6. Entry is free.**

The display will contain a small section about the Cowbridge-based Haywood family,

who had 11 adult children on active service, and other items will relate specifically to Cowbridge and more generally to the UK.

Taking its title, 'Keep the Home Fires Burning', from the popular song by Cardiff-born Ivor Novello, it will look at home life 'while the lads are far from home'.

## Bridge results

**COWBRIDGE and District (Llanblethian) Bridge Results for August 5:**

1st, Hugh Williams and Pauline Lane, 61.51 per cent; 2nd, Marian East and Rita Williams, 59.92; 3rd, Mary Thomas and Denis Barker, 57.94.

August 12: 1st, Mary Thomas and Denis Barker, 63.64 per cent; 2nd, Hugh Williams and Pauline Lane 62.34; 3rd, Anne Hughes and Teri Pollard, 58.44.

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## RNIB Cymru calls for volunteers

**RNIB Cymru is looking for befrienders to visit blind and partially-sighted local people in their homes.**

Sharon Jones, the sight loss charity's volunteering development advisor, said: "Sight loss can be very isolating. We know that nearly half of blind and

partially sighted people feel cut off from people and things around them, which is why befrienders are so important.

"Befriender volunteers perform a vital role. Something simple such as help in reading correspondence, or a shopping trip, or even providing a few

hours' company can make such a huge difference to the lives of people with sight loss."

Volunteers will receive training, and all out of pocket expenses will be provided.

For more information about this and all other volunteering roles, visit [tinyurl.com/volnct](http://tinyurl.com/volnct).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Your local correspondent is **NANCY DAVIDGE** "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303. **TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**



**Equestrian meeting**  
**THE annual gathering of adult and young horse riders took place on Sunday, August 17.**

The venue changed to the more convenient and accessible field at the rear of Llangan school. Children from the age of nine years were eligible to take part with the adults.

**Colourful**  
**ONCE again, it's congratulations to Diane and Rhys Llewellyn for the colourful display in their garden in Llangan village!**

**Harvest festival**  
**THIS year's harvest**

festival service at Saron Chapel, Treoes, will take place on Sunday, September 7, at the later time of 4pm, officiating cleric, Pastor Ken Adams. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

**Get well**  
**GOOD wishes are extended to Young-At-Heart Club member Mrs Norma Newman, who is in the Princess of Wales Hospital at Bridgend. The club will resume its meetings in the first week in September so, hopefully, members who have been ill during the summer break will be fit enough to join their friends!**

# Out and About with The GEM

## Pug festival is in memory of Poppy



Vet Richard Williams.

WALES' first ever pug festival is being held on August 24 at Court Colman Manor, Bridgend, to raise money for Jemima's Place animal trust.

Activities include a grand pug dog show, agility show, courtesy of



Wildlife expert Dr Rhys Jones.

Dogs Trust Bridgend and a VIP area (Very Important Pug) sponsored by Fruity Bouquets, Bridgend.

Stalls and gift areas, childrens' play zone, including face painting, bouncy castle, candy karts, ice creams and other activities in the Busy Bees Day Nursery Bridgend marquee.

TV vet Richard Williams will be on hand along with BBC wildlife expert Dr Rhys Jones, to talk about pet care, and there will also be

grooming displays and other presentations in the Vale Vets marquee.

Pugfest will start at 12 noon with an official opening by the Mayor of Bridgend county borough, Coun Gary Thomas, and runs until 5pm.

Event organiser Robert Clowes said: "I decided to organise Pugfest in honor of my little girl pug Poppy who recently sadly passed away. It's going to be a great day for pug owners and pug lovers alike."

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan

Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D840.

● £2,000: 493470.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,500 was not won this week.

● £10: 818393,

897124, 375908, 436554, 211270, 865062, 254243, 732220, 171499, 305271, 197510, 141781, 207356, 832821, 439812, 276472, 424758, 165568, 713457, 1676.

● £5: 197612,

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## THE ROVER IS A POWERFUL AND SPARSE PIECE OF WORK

FOR those who know Robert Pattinson as the pasty faced Edward in the *Twilight* franchise, the general consensus is of an actor prone to blank expressions and awkward acting.

However outside of the much-maligned vampire films, Pattinson has worked with directors such as David Cronenberg and shown some semblance of talent, with his latest film, *The Rover*, seeing him work with *Animal Kingdom*'s David Michod.

Set 10 years after a social and economic collapse that gets no further explanation, Pattinson plays Rey, who, when his brother Henry (Scoot McNairy), and his gang steal Eric's (Guy Pearce) car, becomes a pawn used by Eric in order for him to get his car back – and heaven forbid anybody get in his way...

*Animal Kingdom* was a film that created much impact upon release, the tale of a family caught up in a world of crime gritty and captivating; that David Michod has followed that up with a similarly hard-baked tale is not overly surprising, but what is surprising is how minimalistic the film is, but no less powerful for it.

Michod's screenplay gets very little embellishment, with few answers offered (there is no explanation for the 'collapse' for example) but with hints



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slowly

and intriguingly revealed. This applies to the characters as well, back story a dirty word here. Instead Michod lets the characters live in the moment, and only when their actions get too much does he even begin to unravel what has gone on before the opening credits.

Visually the film is bleak and oppressive, sunbaked and gritty, the Australian outbreak a fitting backdrop for this tale of vengeance and betrayal. It feels like a dystopian Western, long shots of parched land with Eric's car substituting for his horse, and Henry and his gang the black hats who have stolen it.

But there is something timeless about it, both in terms of Michod's direction and the story, that means it isn't beholden to any rules other than its own, and while ostensibly a chase film, it weaves in other elements to make for a rounded offering.

It's slow pace and meandering feel means

that the performances have to engage in order for the film to grab your attention, and they certainly do. The film hangs on the shoulders of Guy Pearce, before Robert Pattinson's arrival and how their relationship plays out forms the crux of the film, and both actors deliver fine performances.

Pearce is a known quantity, rarely anything but watchable, and his stoic, driven Eric is a man of few words, but Pearce projects malevolence and heartbreak in equal measure, a man clinging onto the one thing that matters to him in a world gone awry with nothing left to lose.

Pattinson is the surprising turn; Rey is a character who, separated from his brother's gang, becomes submissive to the needs of Eric.

Yet behind his simple manner, you wonder whether Rey is planning something, or has a greater understanding than he's letting on, something Pattinson's excellent performance really conveys; his bursts of violence hinting that Rey's true ability to express himself comes through violence.

While its slow-burning tone won't be for everyone, if you stick with *The Rover* then you'll be rewarded – David Michod's sophomore effort an economic and powerful offering.

**VERDICT** – Hard going, tension-filled and anchored by two excellent lead turns, *The Rover* is a powerful offering from David Michod.

The basic story is given just the right amount of embellishment, and the film looks as tough and gritty as Guy Pearce and Robert Pattinson superb performances.

Highly recommended.  
**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE:** *Drive* (2011), *The Proposition* (2005).

## 'Wooden horse' race for two local hospices

THE Farmers' Union of Wales' Glamorgan and Gwent branches are organising a wooden horse race night for union president Emyr Jones' charity fund for children's hospices Tŷ Hafan and Tŷ Gobaith, on Saturday, August 30 at 7pm.

The event, at FUW member Lorraine Howells' Cwm Carno Farm, near Rhymney, will feature races where six wooden horses are auctioned off before the start of each race with the winners proceeding to a grand final.

"This is the second time we are hosting this event and following its past success in 2012, when we raised over £4,000 for cancer charities, we hope to raise some vital funds for these two great charities," said FUW Glamorganshire county

executive officer, Rachel Saunders.

"All the races will be sponsored by local businesses and tickets include a cold meat supper meal and a disco.

"We hope to build on the generosity of local members and businesses by raising even more for charity this year and we hope the word has spread about how much everyone who attended in 2012 enjoyed themselves and even more people will come this year.

"Tickets are on sale now for £10 and will be available on the FUW stand at the Bedwellty Show, or from the union's county offices in Cowbridge (01446 774838) and Abergavenny (01873 853280)

"If any local business wishes to sponsor a race, there is still some availability left and more information can be obtained from the county office," added Mrs Saunders.

## FREE COFFEE!

THERE will be a free coffee morning in Llantwit Major on Wednesday, September 3 at the Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre on Station Road 10.30am – 12.30pm. There is no need for people to book in advance. It's a chance to meet new people and find out more about the services Diverse Cymru has to offer.



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# Out and About with The GEM

## WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

### Dinas Powys village show

DINAS POWYS Village Show takes place on Saturday, August 30, at the Parish and Lee Halls.

Competition classes, all 115 of them, range from cookery to flowers, vegetables and fruit to photography, art and needlework to craftwork; plus the entries for the young people's classes.

Outside entertainment includes live music from the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven, two Punch and Judy shows, free face-painting and balloon modelling; as well as the model railway, bouncy castle (weather permitting), Owls 4 U and all the community stalls, as well as the travelling scarecrows, Robert and Agnes, who can be seen around the village prior to the day of the show.

A raffle takes place at 4.15pm followed by presentation of trophies.

Admission is 50p (free for school-age children). Call Val on 02920 513274 or Keith on 02920 514173.

### Charity tea

AFTERNOON tea at Old School Hall, Sully, on Sunday, August 31 at 3.30pm; £3 per person, everyone welcome.

Funds raised will go towards Mothers' Union charities overseas and in the Vale.

### Rose Cottage welcomes you!

ROSE Cottage, 32 Blackmill Road, Bryncethin, Bridgend, C32 9YN, will be open under the National Gardens Scheme later this month.

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### Tax help

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Sellers, contact Julie on 01656 662564 to register by September 10 (and for details of what can/can't be sold) or email nctnearlynewsales@live.co.uk.

Donations, cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received.

The branch is raising funds to train two breastfeeding counsellors and an antenatal teacher. www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/southwales; Facebook 'NCT Vale & Valleys'.

### Cadets' AGM

ON Tuesday, September 23, Penarth Sea Cadets will be holding their annual general meeting at the Sea Cadet Unit, Stanwell Crescent, Penarth at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

### Enfys Craft fair

ENFYS Craft Fair resumes at the St Francis' Millennium Hall, Park Road, on Saturday, September 6 between 10am and 4pm. Entrance is free.

The charity for September is Music in the Vale. For more information, contact Beryl on 01446 418695, or Cyril on 01446 400149.

## Dancing the weight away!

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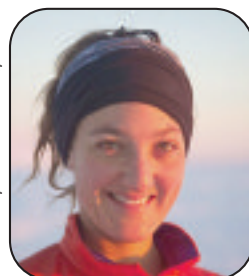
Double world record holder Maria Leijerstam from the Vale of Glamorgan, founder of the Burn Series of multisport events and a qualified personal trainer, inspires you with a weekly column on simple family sporting adventures in the beautiful countryside of south Wales. Maria will guide you on how and where in your area you can combine sport and fitness into family fun.

WE all enjoy the freedom of our beautiful Welsh beaches and the urge to test the water is more often than not compulsive amongst the younger generation.

Given this, it is so important to ensure that every member of the family knows how to swim.

The best place to start is your local swimming pool. Swimming is an excellent form of low impact exercise that the whole family can enjoy, yet you can still work up a good heart rate if you push yourself hard enough.

Over the last week, while the weather has turned autumnal, I've been at my local swimming pool



most mornings notching up the lengths. It's true, swimming many lengths can become repetitive and therefore it's essential to make it fun.

This week's challenge is a family swimathon: each member of the family chooses a different stroke. You can choose from breast stroke, front crawl, back stroke or doggy paddle (technically not a stroke but quite fun and it certainly burns some energy).

Decide what order you will swim in and then, in a relay style, set off swimming your chosen stroke. If a length is too far for your children then do a width instead. The clock begins as the first swimmer starts and ends as the last swimmer finishes.

Remember to record your time.

Now do it again, but each choose a different stroke from the first time. The idea here is to find out your family's optimum combination of strokes.

Playing to your strengths is always a good idea and working in a team where strengths vary produces the best type of teams.

There is no need for swimming to be a solitary sport, so set a date and get your whole family down to your local swimming pool.

Make sure you join me next week for more sport and adventure and in the meantime check out www.burnseries.co.uk

Maria Leijerstam

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# Vale Show results: Sheep classes

## WELSH MOUNTAIN

**CLASS 30 Ram:** 1st, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM, NELSON, TREHARRIS; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS, CRUMLIN; 3rd, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLWYNOGWR, BLACKMILL BRIDGEND.

**CLASS 31 Ram Lamb:** 1st, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN, MANMOEL, BLACKWOOD; 2nd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 3rd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM.

**CLASS 32 One Ewe:** 1st, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLWYNOGWR, BLACKMILL BRIDGEND; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 3rd, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN.

**CLASS 33 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN; 2nd, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM; 3rd, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

**THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES.**

Winner, S.H. & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; Res, ELINOR WILLIAMS, CASTELL LLWYD FARM.

## BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP

**CLASS 34 Ram:** 1st, EDWARD MORGAN, PHEONIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED; 2nd, CHERIE & GERALD PHILLIPS, PANT Y MAEN, CAPEL ISAAC, LLANDEILO; 3rd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS, LLANFYNYDD, CARMARTHEN.

**CLASS 35 Ram Lamb:** 1st, MR SIMON & MRS SARA JONES, CWMDU GANOL FAR, GARTH, MAESTEG; 2nd, M/S PALMER AND HAYWARD, YSGUDORGOCH FARM, ST ANDREWS MAJOR; 3rd, P.J. BERTORELLI, PENCOED FARM, CEFN CARVAN RD, BRYNCETHIN.

**CLASS 36 One Ewe:** 1st, BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS, LLANFYNYDD, CARMARTHEN; 2nd, M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUDORGOCH FARM; 3rd, MR SIMON & MRS SARA JONES, CWMDU GANOL FAR.

**CLASS 37 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, CHERIE & GERALD PHILLIPS, PANT Y MAEN; 2nd, EDWARD MORGAN, PHEONIX WAY; 3rd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS.

**THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT in the BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES.**

Winner, BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS.

## SUFFOLK

**CLASS 38 Ram:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON, CARDIFF; 2nd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM, COYCHURCH RD, PENCOED.

**CLASS 39 Ram Lamb:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

**CLASS 40 One Ewe:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, C.V.THOMAS, PENCOED FARM; 3rd, JAMES DAVIES, TUDOR BARN, THE GARN FARM, ST. HILARY.

**CLASS 41 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, C.V. THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

**THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT in the SUFFOLK SHEEP CLASSES**

Winner/champ, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; Res, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

## TEXEL

**CLASS 42 Ram:** 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI, LLANTRITHYD; 2nd, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY.

**CLASS 43 Ram Lamb:** 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 2nd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD.

**CLASS 44 One Ewe:** 1st, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM, DRYSLWYN, CARMARTHEN; 2nd, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 3rd, TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS ROAD.

**CLASS 45 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI; 2nd, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM; 3RD, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN, WHITLAND, CARMS.

**THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes.**

Winner, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM; Res, T & R. ADAMS, TY MEDI.

## RYELAND

**CLASS 46 Ram:** 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN, SWANSEA; 2nd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU, BLACKMILL, BRIDGEND; 4th, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN.

**CLASS 47 Ram Lamb:** 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 3rd, SIMON GILBERT, GOLWG YR HAUL, BRECON ROAD, PENYCAE, SWANSEA; BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

**CLASS 48 One Ewe:** 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU; 3rd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 4th, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU.

**CLASS 49 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 4th, W. H. WILLIAMS & SON, DOLAU IFAN DDU.

**THE TOM DAVIES 'MONKTON' MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE RYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP**  
WINNER/CHAMP, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; RES, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE (THREE).

## OPEN MIXED CONTINENTAL BREED, OTHER THAN TEXEL

**CLASS 50 Ram:** 1st, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM, OLVESTON, BRISTOL; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST. DONATS; 3rd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT.

**CLASS 51 Ram Lamb:** 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM; 3rd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

**CLASS 52 One Ewe:** 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM; 3rd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS, CRUMLIN.

**CLASS 53 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM; 3rd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM.

**THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST CONTINENTAL BREED EXHIBIT**

Winner, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

## OPEN MIXED NATIVE BREED OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK & RYELAND

**CLASS 54 Ram:** 1st, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY, CARDIFF; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY; 3rd, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM, FOUNTAIN, BRIDGEND.

**CLASS 55 Ram Lamb:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY; 3rd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

**CLASS 56 One Ewe:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY.

**CLASS 57 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2nd, JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY; 3rd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM.

## COLOURED SHEEP(ANY PURE BREED WITH COLOURED WOOL)

**CLASS 58 Ram:** 1st, TOM NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN; 2nd, MRS. J.A. JAMES, FRAMPTON COTT, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

**CLASS 59 Ram Lamb:** 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 3rd, BA & PJ MEE, PANY Y GWERYN; 4th, GRIFF NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.

**CLASS 60 One Ewe:** 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 3rd, MRS. J. A. JAMES, FRAMPTON COTT.

**CLASS 61 One Ewe Lamb:** 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

**CLASS 62 Group of 3 Continental Breed Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor:** 1st, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 2nd, COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST. DONATS; 3rd, JOHN HARDING, INGST HILL FARM.

## GROUP OF 3

**CLASS 63 Group of 3 Native Breed Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor:** 1st, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd, MISS BETHAN DAVIES, BRYN YR EGLWYS; 3rd, R.A., A.M. & L.A. HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

**The R S Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup**  
Winner, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

## ANY BREED

**CLASS 64 Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class:** 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; 3rd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

**CLASS 65 Novice Sheep and Handler:** 1st, MISS LAUREN DAVID, TORGELLY FARM, LLANHARRY, PONTYCLUN; 2nd, J. HOWELLS C/O TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON, CARDIFF; 3rd, JACOB BISSETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

## COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)

**CLASS 66 A pair of Butcher's Lambs (under 35 kilos):** 1st, MR. R.

DAVID, TORGELLY FARM; 2ND, R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM, WICK; 3rd, HANNAH & LEWYS ROBINS, MARLBOROUGH GRANGE FARM, COWBRIDGE.

**CLASS 67 A pair of Butcher's Lambs (over 35kilos):** 1st, ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3RD, R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM.

**The Mrs. CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL For the BEST EXHIBIT in the COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES.**

Winner, Aled Groucott, Swffryd Farm; Res, TR & J. Harris, Redland Farm.

## PET LAMB

**CLASS 68 Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show:** 1st, HARRIET EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM, COLWINSTON; 2nd, MRS. ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, TY HEN, TREOES, BRIDGEND; 3rd, FAITH BISSETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 4th, NICOLA LEWIS, NEUADD WEN, LLANHARAN, PONTYCLUN; 5th, MORGAN EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM; 6th, ELISE BENNETT C/O JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD; 7th, KATE NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.

**THE MRS MARY WILLIAMS CUP FOR THE WINNER OF THE PET LAMB CLASS**

Winner, HARRIET EDWARDS C/O R. D. EDWARDS & SON, PWLLYWRACH FARM.

**THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT in ANY OF THE SHEEP CLASSES**

Winner/ Supreme Champion, T. L. PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM; Res, DIANE EVANS, DERIMOELION FARM, DRYSLWYN, CARMARTHEN.

## FLEECE COMPETITION

**CLASS 69 Fine & Medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryeland, Charollais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn:** 1ST, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2ND, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM.

**CLASS 70 Cross & Lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon:** 1st FLEECE, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM; 2nd, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

**CLASS 71 Hill & Mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh:** 1st, MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM.

**CLASS 72 Natural Coloured including Jacob, Black Welsh Mountain, Herdwick, Shetland or any other pure bred or cross fleece:** 1st FLEECE, TR & J. HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd FLEECE, JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS ROAD.

## CATTLE CLASSES 14 – 29

**CLASS 14**  
Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show: 1st, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MORFARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN; 3rd, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

**MERVYN THOMAS DROS Y MOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Winner, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

## CLASS 15

Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months: 1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

## CLASS 16

Cow in calf but not in milk – any age: 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

## CLASS 17

Heifer in milk: 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

**THE LADBROOKE (BRIDGEND CREAMERY) CHALLENGE SHIELD**

Winner: V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

## CLASS 18

Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only): 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON, NEWPORT; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM.

## CLASS 19

Senior cow in milk (4th lactation and above): 1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM;

## GOLDEN VALE DAIRIES CUP

Winner: V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

**In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19) Winners to receive Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes:** Champ, Sian Webber; Res, VJ Thomas & Son.

**THE GLYNNE CLAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT in the HOLSTEIN CLASSES.**

Winner: VJ. Thomas & Son, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCARFAN.

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**CLASS 20** Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the Show; 1st, CLIVE THOMAS DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd, JACK EVANS & SON, MARCROSS FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON PANCROSS FARM; 4th, R. J. LOUGHER & SON, TYTANGLWST FARM, PYLE.

**WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP**  
Winner, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

**ANY OTHER PURE DAIRY BREED**  
**CLASS 21**, Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein: 1st, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN CRIBBWR, BRIDGEND; 2nd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM.

**CLASS 21a**  
**In calf heifer any breed other than Holstein:** 1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM.

**CLASS 22**  
**Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein:** 1st, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE; 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM; 3rd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM (three); 4th, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM.

**RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP**  
Winner: E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM.

**CLASS 23**  
**Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein:** 1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM.

GELLI FARM.

**Any other pure dairy Breed Championship**  
Champ: KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM.

**THE G.A.H SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM.

**CLASS 24** Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS)  
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM.

**THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP**  
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM.

**CLASS 25** Best Pair of Dairy Females, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor: 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM; 4th, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM; 5th, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR (two); 6th, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM; 7th, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM (two).

**BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAIR OF DAIRY FEMALES**  
Winner, VJ Thomas & Son (two).

**CLASS 26** Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor  
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR FARM; 3rd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM.

**THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST GROUP OF DAIRY CATTLE**  
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM.

**Overall Dairy Championships**  
**Calf Champion**

Champion: Kevin Rickard and Sian Webber, 3 pts.  
Reserve: Kevin Rickard and Sian Webber, 1 pt.  
**Champion Heifer in milk:**  
Champion: VJ Thomas & Son, 3 pts; Reserve, Sian Webber and Kevin Rickard, 1 pt.

**Champion Cow in milk:**  
Champion, Sian Webber and Kevin Rickard, 3 pts.  
**Best pair Dairy females - Class 25:**  
Champion, VJ Thomas & Son, 3 pts; Reserve, VJ Thomas & Son, 1 pt.

**THE T.J. WORTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DAIRY COW OR HEIFER IN THE SHOW**

Winner, Kevin Rickard; VJ Thomas and Son (two).  
**THE WYNHAM IVOR RADCLIFFE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBITOR IN THE CATTLE CLASSES**

Winner, Gareth Jenkins; Reserve, Kevin Rickard.

### CALF HANDLING

**CLASS 27** 12 and under on the day of the show calf 12 months and under – any breed:  
1st, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM; 2nd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM – MEGAN POWELL; 3rd, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM – GRACE THOMAS; 4th, ALANNAH THOMAS, C/O DROS Y MOR FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

**THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY**  
Winner, V. J. THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM.

**CLASS 28** 13 - 18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed:

1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM – BETH GRANVILLE; 2nd, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM – CHRISTIE BAKER; 3rd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM – BEN BAKER.

**THE P.J. LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP**  
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM – BETH GRANVILLE.

**CLASS 29** 19 - 26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed:

1st, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM – KATE GRANVILLE; 2nd, RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM; 3rd, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM; 4th, E. READER & SON, GOLDSLAND FARM.

**THE W.J. BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**  
Winner, KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM – KATE GRANVILLE.

## SHOW JUMPING RESULTS

**Class 1: KBIS Insurance Senior British Novice:**  
1st Radioaktiv – Nancie Edwards; 2nd Robin Robin – Mark Edwards; 3rd Touchwood Antares – Mark Edwards.

**Class 2: 1.05m/1.10m Restricted Handicap:** 1st Tarquin M – Ian Johnson; 2nd Munig – Jake Harris; 3rd Zarina ii – Julie Whibley.

**Class 3: Equestrianclearance.com Senior Newcomers First Round:** 1st Contendros Quest – Andrew Davies; 2nd Affa J – Ella Jones; 3rd Wakubu Du Sau Saut – Joanne Bailey;

**Class 4: Senior Foxhunter/ 1.20m Open:** 1st Sunshine V – Amy Thomson; 2nd Emotion – Stevie Jenkins; 3rd Battina – Joanne Bailey.

**Class 5: National 1.40m Open:** 1st Vjlada MW – Andrew Davies; 2nd Lucy Loo iv – Sian Edwards; 3rd Nina Des Ullis – Sara Arkell.

**Class 6: Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, Speed Championships:** 1st Mammans Tinker – Mark Edwards; 2nd S Zermi 3 – Andrew Davies; 3rd Unbelievable Eddie – Mark Edwards.

**Class 7 – Two Fence Challenge:**  
Equal 1st, Tinker's Tale – Mark Edwards; Abraham USA – Andrew Davies; Just Jasper – Eurig Eynon; Fadeisha – Sara Arkell.

## Cabinet meets at Vale Show



Steve Webb with Coun Lis Burnet and Leader Coun Neil Moore.

**THE Vale Council cabinet held a business breakfast meeting at the Vale Show last week to discuss ways to improve the area as a tourist destination.**

“As part of the council’s commitment to help local businesses, a Destination Action Plan was drafted after a range of different ideas were discussed and put forward by residents and local businesses at the Vale Show in 2012,” a spokesman explained.

Local businesses and organisations attended the breakfast to discuss the plan, which aims to “build the reputation of the Vale with tourists”. “Guests were encouraged to have their say and a number of innovative suggestions were made on how the Council could continue to move forward in transforming the Vale into an even more popular tourist

destination. All of the comments made at the breakfast will now be considered and any necessary amendments made to the draft plan ahead of its formal adoption.”

There was also a short presentation at the event by Steve Webb, a specialist in destination and tourism management.

Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Council, said: “The Destination Action Plan, once formally adopted, will set out a vision, priorities and actions needed to improve all activities and schemes that impact on visitors and their enjoyment of the Vale.”

“The plan will represent another major step towards the Vale of Glamorgan fulfilling its potential as a first class tourism destination.”

Alun Cairns MP with WFA members, left to right: Phil Davies, Alun Cairns, David Hughes (chairman), Paul Kemp and Terry Powell.

**THERE** was a steady stream of visitors at the display which the South Wales Branch of the WFA had organised to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War at the Vale Show.

The centrepiece, organised by Phil Davies and others, was about the Glamorgan Yeomanry in which ancestors of many of today’s farming families in the Vale served.

Many of our visitors showed great interest in it which created an interesting two-way process where some people learned of their relatives’ activities and others told our members of their ancestors who had not been previously identified.

Supporting this main display were others of medals, Great War artefacts including a rifle, helmets, shells and a clock mounted in the propeller hub of an FE2b aircraft. Other displays covered the Battle of Mametz Wood where the

## Western Front Association has great day at Vale Show



Mike Davies (left) talks about the Glamorgan Yeomanry to Julian Radcliffe of Penmark.

38th (Welsh) Division fought its first major action in July 1916 as part of the Battle of the Somme suffering 4,000 casualties, including 600 dead, during the capture of the wood.

The branch have arranged a major refurbishment for the Dragon Memorial, which commemorates the Battle partly funded by the WAG and are planning a major ceremony for the centenary in 2016.

Our visitors included Vale of Glamorgan MP Alun Cairns and Coun Jeff James of the Vale Council who, like all like everyone else, took a keen interest in the exhibits. We will be arranging similar displays at other events

over the next few months including one in Cowbridge on September 6.

The branch meets on the first Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Fairwater Conservative Club, Ely Road, Cardiff and new members who want to learn more about the Great War are very welcome.

You can get more information or contact us on our website [www.powell76.talktalk.net](http://www.powell76.talktalk.net) or email [mutiny1917@hotmail.com](mailto:mutiny1917@hotmail.com).

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First World War items on display.

# THE WONDERFUL VARIETY IS WHAT MAKES THE VALE SHOW SO SPECIAL

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THE Vale of Glamorgan Show is one of the great days in the south Wales rural calendar.

It is different things to different people – a day of interest and entertainment, a chance to bump into old friends, an opportunity to view classes, exhibits and stalls, but for many people, and particularly the children, the wonderful animals are what makes it so special.



# Spectacular Vale Show lives up to its billing as one of Wales' great days out

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They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.

**Friends reunited is a great theme of the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Fonmon.**

The show is a wonder to behold with attractions and spectacle in equal measure, but more than that it is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new people.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's photographs, everyone, young and old, had a great day out. No wonder people travel to it from all over Wales and from parts of England too.



# CYCLISTS' EPIC JOURNEY STARTED AT LANDS END



The cyclists are pictured at Lands End.

ON August 15, 10 novice cyclists from Bridgend and the Vale, accompanied by their support vehicle, set off from Lands End on a journey of over 1,000 miles, hoping to arrive in John O'Groats 14 days later on August 28.

The cyclists have already received a huge amount of support from family, friends and local businesses and have already raised over £5,400 in the build up to the event.

The team comprises Justin Hostettler-Davies, David Lloyd, Jayne Dingle, Mark Floyd, Gary Cox, Adrian Hooper, Jon Price, Lance Thomas, Kevin Ridge, Ian Henry and two volunteering

support vehicle drivers (Lynda Mitchell and Steve Dingle).

They have chosen to carry out this challenge in the hope that it can raise awareness of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and the devastating impact it has on people and their families.

The MND Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland dedicated to improving care and support for people affected by MND. It also funds and promotes research, and campaigns to raise awareness, so the needs of people with MND are addressed by society.

All funds raised from this challenge will be going towards the new South Wales Care Network for Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

The MNDA is committed to funding £340,000 for the network over the next four years.

A number of multi-disciplinary MND clinics have been set up. In the south-east, clinics have been set up in Merthyr and Pontypool – with the aim of having a further one in the Gwent area. Cardiff also has a clinic up and running.

One of the main aims for the network is to make services and support more accessible and equitable across south Wales, and these clinics are a vital part of that.

The group would welcome any support. Donations can be made on the website [www.justgiving.com/cycle4mnd](http://www.justgiving.com/cycle4mnd). Updates and progress on the challenge can be found at [cycle4mnd.com](http://cycle4mnd.com).



ABOVE: John Huish and Clive Carryett.

## Can you follow John and Clive and help to save a vital service?

**FOR 12 years, John Huish and Clive Carryett have ensured that a group of Llandough residents can go shopping every week.**

They have provided a door-to-door service with an East Vale Community Transport minibus, allowing people with restricted mobility to get out of the house and do a weekly shop for themselves.

Sadly, they are obliged to retire and both Llandough Community Council and EVCT are trying hard to find replacement drivers.

"We are immensely grateful to Clive and John," said EVCT president Jean Roberts, "and we hope that volunteers will come forward to continue the service in Llandough. It's a great way for newly-retired people, for example, to make new friends."

Clive and John have found sharing the work very rewarding and recommend the volunteering opportunity.

Could you take their place? You

need to be between 25 and 70 (or older if you pass a simple medical check), with a clean driving licence and at least two years' driving experience.

If you cannot commit to a regular session, you could still become an occasional driver to be called on in case of need.

Contact Alun Harper, office co-ordinator based at West House, Penarth by telephoning 029 20705138 or email [eastvale.ct06@virgin.net](mailto:eastvale.ct06@virgin.net)

Alternatively, contact Paul Egan, clerk to Llandough Community Council, on 01446 409294 or email [p.egan67@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.egan67@ntlworld.com)

Since 1986, volunteer drivers with East Vale Community Transport have ensured that everyone in the community can maintain outside interests.

At minimal cost and with a volunteer driver, clubs, schools, sports or any community groups can become members of EVCT and have use of the two minibuses, equipped with lifts to give wheelchair-users easy access.

## Why just a one day show in Vale?

**I FELT I must write to you to let people know how wonderful the Vale Show was last Wednesday.**

We had arrived with my granddaughter Chloe (9) at 10.30am and left at 6.50pm, but even then, failed to get around all the stands on offer.

Chloe had so much fun, taking part in quizzes and face painting, being given goody bags, sweets and chocolates, etc. She tried various arts and crafts, milked a model cow, and thoroughly enjoyed herself.

The livestock display was first class and all the animals seemed happy and well cared for – and there was so much for the adults in the same vein, in terms of samples.

The weather was fine most of the time, with just the odd shower and there were plenty of places to shelter and stay under cover.

I look forward to going next year.

Many congratulations to the organisers and participants for such a great day – one question with all that effort, why is it just one day? Mrs Sian C Jones, Wenvoe.

### IN BRIEF

**BARRY ISLAND Historical Group** present a free photographic exhibition, 'Then and Now', a trip down memory lane on August 23 (10am to 4pm) and August 24 (2pm to 6pm) at the Barry Island Community Centre.

**Valeways guided walks**

**COFFEE Shop** Strollers meet at 10.30am on Wednesday, August 27, at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry, CF62 6SW.

## Local mums support LATCH

**TWO local mums will launch LATCH 2014 – Wales' first breastfeeding conference on Monday, September 22 (10am – 2.30pm).**

It will be hosted by Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group at Bethel Baptist Church, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf.

LATCH 2014 is the brainchild of Claire Terry and Suki Wescott, two mothers and breastfeeding peer supporters from Llantrisant.

Breastfeeding Support Group, which is supporting local mums around Llantrisant and Pontyclun in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

There are three keynote speakers: Gill Rapley on 'baby-led weaning'; Dr Amy Brown on 'breastfeeding and obesity'; and Tatiana Mela Pshchulkovska on 'Tongue Tie'.

In addition, there will be numerous stalls. Contact Llantrisant Breastfeeding Support Group via [llantrisantbsg.wordpress.com](http://llantrisantbsg.wordpress.com).

## Exciting times for pensioners!

**L LANTWIT MAJOR Pensioners Club has had an exciting programme over the last few weeks.**

Alun Cairns MP poked life in the Commons and Susan Lloyd Selby gave a very informative talk on Foodbanks, and explained the criteria that people have to abide by in order to obtain vouchers.

We have had a summer party with a buffet provided by the Coast Cafe and we were entertained by members of the live music organisation.

Mr Mortimer gave the history of Paul Robeson and his connections with Wales.

Our summer term ended with Penny Weedon and her friend the squeeze box. We are looking forward to our last trip of the year to Burford Wildlife Park on September 23.

There are a few seats available and the cost of the trip is £24.

For more information, contact Primrose Goldsworthy on 01446 794257, or Wilf Cole on 01656 890680.

Alternatively, visit us at our meetings on Tuesdays at 6.30pm, where you will be made welcome.

We meet at Llanthan Hall, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major. PG

## Multi-cultural event success

**MORE than 600 people attended a Rising Star Orphans multi-cultural community event in Cadoxton Royal Gardens, in collaboration with Cadoxton Youth Project.**

"We successfully engaged with the community and made new friendly relationships. Our organisations look to engage the community in similar events in the future," said Stonehouse Mugalavai, chairman of Rising Star Orphans.

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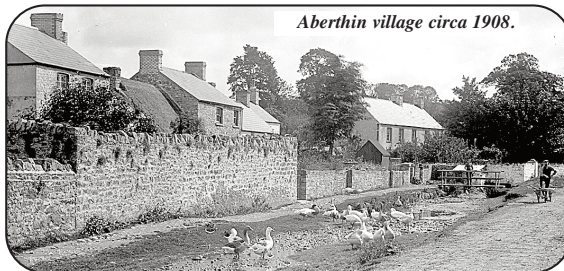
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# Commemorating the centenary of the First World War WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

## Exhibition reveals the impact of World War 1 on rural life

**H**OW the Great War changed rural life in Wales forever is described in a fascinating exhibition to be held at Aberthin Village Hall on August 29-30 (from 11am to 5pm) and on Monday, September 1 (from 11am to 1pm) to commemorate the start of the First World War.

The event brings together photographs, medals, posters and an



Aberthin village circa 1908.

array of information, covering the hamlet of Aberthin, as well as agricultural life in the country as a whole.

Visitors to the exhibition can find out

about the two young men from Aberthin who died in the war and are named on local war memorials.

They will see how different the village looked in the 1900s.

They will discover how a large proportion of the land in and around the village and a number of village cottages were sold in the ten years after the war; and how parts of the land purchased by the county council, and divided into smallholdings for returning soldiers, were like some of the cottages acquired by ancestors of today's villagers.

They will also gain a greater understanding of the challenges facing local farmers and the agricultural industry in general during the war.

The rousing calls from Lord Kitchener and Lloyd George are graphically illustrated, as is information on the role of women, the Ploughing Up campaign, shortages of labour and horses as they head to the Front

and the work of various boards and committees to keep the country producing food.

The exhibition has been put together by Frank Hartles and local historian Keith Edwards both long-term residents of Aberthin.

They have sourced information and images from both local people, the National Library of Wales, the Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans and the Glamorgan Archives, much of which has not been seen before.

To find out more, contact k.h.edwards@btinternet.com or telephone 01446 772788.

Aberthin Village Hall (the old Calvinistic Methodist Chapel) can be found on Aberthin Lane off Penylan Road in the centre of the village.

The exhibition coincides with a Memorial Tea to be held in the Village Hall on Sunday, August 31 from 3pm with a reduced exhibition.

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## ARCHBISHOP EXPLORES CHURCH'S ROLE IN WAR

**A** RADIO programme presented by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, examines the church's part in supporting and opposing war, and finds out about battlefield chaplains on BBC Radio Wales.

*God in War* is one of a six-part series called *Wales And The Great War*, broadcast to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War.

The Archbishop considers the role of military chapels, services of remembrance and Christian attitudes to war. He interviews Army chaplain Rev Deiniol Morgan, about his experience ministering to soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and talks to historian



The Archbishop at the Llandaff war memorial.

Patricia Evans, who has researched the story of a remarkable Western Front padre from Wales, Rev Peter Jones Roberts.

"The First World War came about because it was felt international rivalry could not be resolved except by war and this clash of national ambitions caused millions to die because we had not yet discovered other ways of resolving them except through armed conflict," said Dr Morgan.

"The Christian faith reminds us of our weakness and fallibility as human beings and of the values of things such as liberty, respect for weaker people and that no nation is exempt from the laws of morality and the need for peaceful co-existence."

*God in War* will be broadcast on Radio Wales on Sunday, August 31 at 1.30pm. It will be repeated on Monday, September 1 at 6.30pm and Tuesday, September 2 at 5.30am.

## £46,470,000 'cheque' shows the true value of volunteers in the Vale!



**ON August 12, Vale Volunteer Bureau held its 10th annual awards event, hosted by the Vale Mayor, Howard Hamilton, at Cardiff and Vale College.**

Pictured above with the mayor, are nominees for the WCVB Year of the Volunteer award and Millennium Volunteers.

The volunteers were nominated for initiative, dedication or personal qualities.

Max Williams, from Penarth Youth Project was the overall winner in the young person's category. The event also celebrated young people aged 14 - 25 years who were awarded their Millennium Volunteer certificates for the hours contributed to volunteering.

A spokeswoman explained: "Included in the event was a presentation to the Mayor of a 'cheque' for £46,470,000. This is an increase of just over 11½ million on the previous year. This cheque represents the value of volunteering shown in

monetary terms and shows just how much volunteering is worth to the Vale."

The event saw the Launch of 'Dish Out Dosh', a youth-led grant which is available for youth projects across the Vale. Application packs are available from Vale Volunteer Bureau until the closing date, September 22, 2014.

It also saw the release of Morgan Rogers' digital story on how his volunteering changed his life.

Clare Humphreys, the youth volunteering advisor, said: "It's been brilliant getting to make a series of films for young people. Morgan's story is inspiring and will definitely challenge the stereotype of young people volunteering."

The director of the Vale Volunteer Bureau Alison Steere said: "Today's event recognised volunteers' achievements. Volunteers from all over the Vale were involved in everything, from encouraging children to

save money to these volunteers and to volunteering on a 'write with us' programme for cancer patients and hear some of their fascinating stories of their achievements and how they have benefited their local communities."

## Stagecoach Bridgend stars sizzle on stage

**TWO** young performers from *Stagecoach Bridgend* landed coveted roles in *Seussical The Musical*. Oliver Bartlett (14) and Elinor Williams (13) beat hundreds of hopefuls to take the roles in the Dr Seuss-based musical.

They found a cast of 76 *Stagecoach* students from the UK, Malta, USA, South Africa and Spain at the *Leatherhead Theatre*. He said: "The rehearsals went really well, it's a great fun show."

## 'Holy Trinity church remembers them'

**A**S minister of Holy Trinity Church in Barry, I was extremely distressed with the implication that my congregation had forgotten those who served during the Great War.

I refer to the heading in The GEM dated August 14 'First World War memorial is rescued'.

Had Dr Jonathan Hicks consulted me first, I would be able to take him into our new premises and show him the Upper Gallery, which is set aside in memory of those who served in both wars.

A new plaque, which is much lighter for

modern walls, was donated at some cost, in memory of the gentlemen mentioned in the article.

Further to this, Holy Trinity held a memorial weekend attended by invited guests from the Royal British Legion, with whom we have good contact.

At both occasions, we remembered all Service men and women, past and present.

I therefore invite Dr Jonathan Hicks and those who thought they had found a 'lost' memorial, to meet with me so that we can put this rumour to rest once and for all.

Rev Duncan Ballantyne, Barry.

## Balcony Plaque contains names of fallen heroes

**I** WAS interested to read the article 'First World War Memorial is Rescued' and the details of the men mentioned on the memorial.

A brass plaque with the exact wording from this marble memorial has been erected on the balcony in Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church/Community Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry.

Every year on Remembrance Sunday, we lay a wreath and the names of the 13 men from our fellowship who gave their lives in World War One are read and remembered.

I am listing all 13 as I would be very interested to know more

about the other eight men whose names are recorded on a brass plaque also erected on the Church Hall balcony.

They are: William Norman Hale, Thomas William Healey, Benjamin Jeremiah, Idris Roberts, Thomas Charles Cooling, Normal Daniel, Henry John Edmunds, Raymond Evans, Archie Jenkins, Sidney Jenkins, Hervey Jones, George More, and Leonard Webber.

We honour the memory of all those who have given their lives in defence of freedom. Margaret F White, Llandough (church member).

# Rhosee Nippers shine at tournament

WE reported recently on the successes of the Junior, Senior and Masters teams at the Welsh Surf Life Saving Championships and on August 9-10, the Rhosee Nipper team travelled to Aberavon for their two days of competition.

The team who recently won the Whitmore Bay Carnival were all keen to be taking part in a major competition although the weather and sea

conditions at Barry were calmer than Aberavon it's fair to say. With storm conditions looming for the weekend with the Sunday being forecast as being particularly bad some last minute changes were made to the program to ensure the competition went ahead safely.

On arrival, early Saturday morning the sea conditions were already very challenging and with the swim and board events first on the list of events the Rhosee Nippers showed great bravery and determination when racing.

The children took part in sea swims, wades, board races and relays in each of the events. A special mention must go to the members from the youngest age group in the team, many of whom have never competed in such conditions and all performed excellently.

The Sunday at first seemed like a better day with a light breeze and some sunshine for the start of the beach events.

The events got under way with beach flags and long runs with Rhosee again showing some very impressive performances and medals won. Around mid-morning a huge

storm came over and for an hour or so the competition was put on hold with Nippers and parents taking cover in their beach tents!

The competition continued after a short delay with the beach sprint events and finished with the team sprint relay - Rhosee put in a great display through to the end with the girls' team winning silver and the boys getting gold in the last event of the day.

A huge 'well done' goes to all of the competitors but special congratulations go to our gold medal winning Welsh Champions

Gwenno Goode, Brooke Peterson and especially Evie Wong, who achieved first place in all of her individual events. Well done all!

Liz and the Rhosee coaches had the following words of praise for the Nippers' achievements over the weekend: "We are all very, very proud of your efforts at the Welsh Championships, particularly those competing for the first time at a major championship competition."

"Not only were the performances on the beach and in the sea excellent but your behaviour throughout the competition was first class with all Nippers showing great 'team spirit' and a willingness to race despite some tough conditions. As coaches and parents we are again very proud of you all and thank you for making these events so enjoyable and rewarding."

Of course lifeguards training, competitions and other events only run smoothly with the help of the coaches and parents.

And so a big thank you to all of those who helped over the weekend with beach events and sea safety cover.

The Rhosee Nippers team finished overall in third place out of the 13 clubs competing.

A list of the individual medals winners in their

The girls relay team.



Evie Wong in action.



age categories are: Olivia Banks - Bronze beach flags, Scarlett Davies - Silver beach run, Leila Bonner - Bronze beach run, Gwenno Goode - Gold beach sprint, Gold beach run, Silver board race, Bronze surf wade, Xantia Hobrough - Bronze beach sprint, Evie Wong - Gold beach flags, Gold surf wade, Gold board race, Gold super nipper, Gold beach sprint, Gold beach run, Moli Lyons - Bronze beach run, Emily Parker - Silver surf swim, Bronze super nipper, Brooke Peterson - Gold beach flags, Gold beach sprint, Bronze super nipper, Cian Davies - Silver beach flags, Hobrough, Gwenno Goode, Elena Gibson, Moli Lyons, Evie Wong, Ella Bulmer, Eloise Strange, Isabella David, Yasmin Davies, Lisa

Many more medals were also won in the beach and sea relays:

Nipper team: Scarlett Davies, Ellie Bryan, Leila Bonner, Sophia Riley, Talia Downton, Olivia Banks, Lena Davies, Xantia Hobrough, Gwenno Goode, Elena Gibson, Moli Lyons, Evie Wong, Ella Bulmer, Eloise Strange, Isabella David, Yasmin Davies, Lisa

## Open day celebration for Barry Athletic

ON Saturday Barry Athletic First XI entertained Criegau in a league game on what was also an open day as well as a day to say thank you to some former players and captains.

Barry captain John Gee won the toss and asked Criegau to bat first and Criegau got off to a solid start and put 50 on for the first wicket before they lost the wicket of Nicholls caught by Brock off Hellyar for 16.

They then lost Taylor for 55 off the bowling of Gee LBW, Innes was next to go for 53 caught by Hellyar off the bowling of Uswald, Nathan Baker then picked up two wickets both caught by Lee Morgan and Peter Hellyar; Criegau ended up on 228 for 5 off their 50 overs.

Barry's innings didn't get off to a great start when they lost the wicket of Morgan for 0 with the score on 4.

There was then a 59 run partnership between Nathan Baker and David Goodway before Goodway was out for 25, A stand of 44 between Baker and Brock was broken up when Brock was out for 19, and Baker soon followed for a fine 52 his third 50 in four innings.

Murphy went for 4, followed by Jones for 13, Uswald for 9, S. Jones for 15, Gee for 1 and Frost for 5 as Barry were bowled out for 160.

The Second XI had a fine win away to Criegau with Andrew Buckland getting a Century and Scott Malpas 98.

This weekend Barry first XI travel to Newport Fugitives, with the 2nd XI at home to the same opponents; on bank holiday Monday the 1st XI travel to Brecon with the 2nd XI home to Dinas Powys.

The club would like to thank Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM for their attendance at the club open day Saturday, former players/captains John Murphy, Hugh Davies, Owain Clements, Billy Davies, Keith Selway and Phil John, who enjoyed their time at the game on Saturday; they would also like to thank Vicky Barrie of Waitrose Barry for her kind help on Friday

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# BRO MORGANNWG'S PUPILS MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT PASS RECORD AT A-LEVEL

**PUPILS**, parents and teachers at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg Welsh medium school in Barry are celebrating excellent A-level examination results this year as it again achieved a pass rate of 100 per cent, with each pupil attaining an E grade or above in two or more A-level subjects for the second year in succession.

Some 77 per cent of all entries were graded at A\*-C. Leading the way this year were the historians: one third of the cohort studied history and 100 per cent of the pupils achieved a C grade or above in the subject.

Individually, the boys shone this year with Elis Jackson from Penarth, the highest achiever with four A\* grades in maths, further maths, design technology and physics. He will now study aeronautical engineering at Imperial College, London.

Following hot on his heels are Meirin Evans (three A\* grades in maths, further maths and chemistry with an A grade in physics) Joseph Lee (two A\* and two A grades) Michael Scannell (four A grades) and Head Boy Lewis Harrison (one A\* in maths, and A grades in history and physics).

Congratulations to Sophie Lamb who was the highest achiever among the girls (three A grades in history, psychology and English language).

We are delighted that all pupils have excelled in their own particular fields, in both the vocational and more traditional subjects and this year again the whole cohort were entered for the Welsh Baccalaureate, and were awarded the diploma.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of all our pupils and delighted that as a school we continue to cater for and nurture each individual.

Particular praise is due this year for the numerous pupils who achieved distinctions in business studies and music performance BTEC courses.

Congratulations to all the pupils and staff and we wish our pupils well in the future. Well done!



*Meirin Evans, Lewis Harrison and Joseph Lee (2A\*'s in maths and further maths and 2As in physics and chemistry).*



*Hanna Davies (Head Girl), Phoebe Lloyd-Hunter and Darcie Hamilton from the Cowbridge and Llantwit areas.*



*Robert Rees is congratulated by his form teacher.*



*Deputy Head Boy Rhys James (2As and 1B and a Distinction\* in BTEC music in performing) and Head Boy Lewis Harrison (A\* in maths and 2As in history and physics).*



*Angharad Denham and Nia Cwyfan Hughes celebrating excellent results.*

## Disgyblion Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg yn llwyddo i gadw eu record 100 y cant

**BRAF iawn yw dathlu canlyniadau Safon Uwch ardderchog yn Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg eleni eto gan y llwyddodd y disgyblion i gadw eu record 100 y cant am yr ail flwyddyn yn olynol.**

Lwyddodd bob disgybl i ennill gradd E neu uwch mewn dau neu fwy o bynciau unwaith eto eleni. Roedd 77 y cant o'r cofrestrïadau wedi eu graddio yn A\* i C. Yr haneswyr oedd yn arwain eleni. Roedd traean o'r holl ddisgyblion yn astudio Hanes a llwyddodd 100 y cant ohonynt i gael gradd C neu yn uwch yn y pwnc - tipyn o gamp i'r adran! Yn unigol, y bechgyn a serenodd gydag Elis Jackson o Benarth ar y brig, gyda chanlyniadau anhygoel, sef 4 gradd A\* mewn mathemateg, mathemateg pellach, dylunio a thechnoleg a ffiseg. Bydd nawr yn mynd i Goleg Imperial, Llundain i astudio Peirianeg awyrennol.

Llongyfarchiadau yn arbennig hefyd i Meirin Evans (3 gradd A\* mewn mathemateg, ffiseg pellach a chemeg ynghyd â gradd A mewn ffiseg) Joseph Lee (2 radd A\* a 2 radd A) Michael Scannell 4 gradd A a'n Prif Fachgen Lewis Harrison (1 A\* mewn mathemateg, a graddau A mewn hanes a ffiseg). Y ferch a berfformiodd orau oedd Sophie Lamb (gyda 3 gradd A mewn hanes, seicoleg a saesneg iaith). Dathlwn hefyd lwyddiant yr holl ddisgyblion sydd wedi cyrraedd eu potensial ac sydd wedi gweithio yn ddyn a chael eu haeddiad.

Dilynodd y disgyblion gyrisiau traddodiadol academaidd yn ogystal â phynciau galwedigaethol yn y chweched. Mae'n rhaid cyfeirio yn benodol at lwyddiant nifer fawr o ddisgyblion yn ennill graddau Anrhydedd \* mewn gyrisiau BTEC Busnes a Pherfformio Cerdoriaeth.

Mae'r Fagloriaeth hefyd yn parhau i fynd o nerth i nerth gyda'r disgyblion i gyd yn elwa o freinio amrywiaeth eang o sgiliau. Cofrestrwyd pob un o'r disgyblion ar gyfer y cymhwyster eleni eto ac fe lwyddodd pob un i ennill y Diploma.

Llongyfarchiadau i'r holl athrawon a disgyblion a dymunwn yn dda i'r bobl ifanc yn y dyfodol.



*Meirin Evans (3A\*'s maths, further maths and chemistry and 1A in physics)*



*Michael Scannell (4As in biology, chemistry, physics and maths) and Elis Jackson (4A\*'s in maths, further maths, design technology and physics)*

## Bethesda Chapel's invite to 50th anniversary events

**IN March 1962, people in Dinas Powys crossing the open fields where Fairoaks and Bethesda Chapel now stand would have been surprised to see a group of men engaged in cutting footings for a building. A week or so later, they filled them with concrete.**

What might have seemed strange was that it was open ground and there was no road or other buildings. The building was proceeded with however and a builder's road duly appeared. It was built to provide access for a new junior school, which the then Glamorgan County Council had proposed for Dinas Powys.

The workmen who had been involved with the footings were Christians who had been meeting in a World War II army hut on Cardiff Road.

They had submitted plans for a new chapel on the Cardiff Road site but their plans had been turned down.

In May 1960, Cardiff Rural District Council, as then was, agreed to sell a plot of land to them - where Bethesda Chapel now stands.

It was in the middle of a field. The council at that point had no plans to build houses on the rest of the surrounding area. The purchase was made and when plans for the new school and accompanying builder's road were known, chapel plans were immediately submitted and passed.

The main brickwork was done by Herbert Parker, a Cardiff builder, but the rest of the work was mainly done by the members themselves, with some help from friends.

The church recorded just over 30 members at the time but what they lacked in numbers, they made

up for in enthusiasm and the readiness to put in some hard work - a trait that has remained with the chapel's members to this day. And hard work it was!

The day the concrete was put in the footings, it rained continually. Work started at 8am and continued for 12 straight hours. There were ten workers only - including the 'tea boy'.

The builder's road had not been built at that point so the lorry mixing concrete couldn't get close enough to the footings to pour the concrete in, due to the effect of the weather conditions on the soft, wet ground. A small dumper was used to carry the concrete from the lorry to the footings.

Bethesda Chapel as it was called, finally opened at the end of August 1964.

The church grew numerically. It was a hive of activities - a good Sunday School, a mid-week children's work, youth work, women's work and more. On a Sunday, some of the youth classes, originally known as 'Covenanters', had to be held in the homes of members because there was 'no room at the inn'!

To alleviate this problem, an adjoining piece of land was duly purchased in the autumn of 1969. The building more than doubled in size; the additions included a games hall, kitchen and several classrooms. This time however, the work was contracted out. The structure of the chapel has continued to develop over the years, with improvements, enlargements and refurbishing.

Over the 50 years since those early days, the chapel has become a recognised and respected part of the Dinas Powys community. Membership has grown from the initial 30 or so to 120 registered members today.

The Bethesda Community Choir based at the chapel, annually performs at the Parish

Hall for a week in December as well as taking part in the music festival during the spring/summer period. The chapel also has a regular presence at the annual Dickensian Fayre in December, as well as the Dinas Powys Show at the end of August.

Those responsible for leading the chapel have a vision to connect with the community and to promote a positive Christian message in social and practical ways as well as doctrinal ones. Sunday attendances are increasing to the point where the leaders are looking to the next set of structural changes that may be needed.

To celebrate the first 50 years of Bethesda Chapel a number of events are being planned.

On Sunday, August 24, Colin Locke, one of the 'Original 30' will be speaking at Bethesda's Family Service, which starts at 11am, with coffee and biscuits from 10.15am onwards.

The main celebration will take place from Wednesday, September 17 - Sunday, September 21. The chapel will be open throughout the day during that time for an exhibition of the current works it offers, as well as a photographic display celebrating the last 50 years.

Other events will include 'Songs of Praise' evening; public reading of the Psalms by chapel members and others; coffee morning and community lunch; back to church family service and fellowship lunch; Bethesda Open Day; history of Bethesda - an illustrated talk by Bernard Osborne, another of the original members; an exhibition of memorabilia going back 50 years.

All are welcome and can keep up with events via the chapel website, [www.bethesdachapel.com](http://www.bethesdachapel.com) or by following @bethesdachapel on Twitter. Bethesda also has a Facebook page.

## Free barbecue for volunteers!

**RANGERS at Porthkerry Country Park are calling for volunteers to help clear the streams of rubbish and fallen branches.**

On Saturday, August 30 park rangers, along with the Vale council's environmental health team, Welsh Water and NRW, will be clearing the streams, and are offering a free barbecue for anyone willing to lend a hand.

A council spokesman said: "Volunteers can meet at the gazebo on the main meadow from 10am on the day, and are advised to wear wellies, gloves and old clothes. Children are welcome to come along and help, but must be accompanied by an adult."

Contact the park rangers on 01446 733589 or email [porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).

## Rollerskaters shine at the Summer Dance Festival

**GLAMORGAN Artistic Roller Skating Club sent its competition team consisting of Lara Goodwin, Kaitlin Daly, Katie Vaughan, Bethan Daly, Maya Archampoma, Charleigh Griffith, Medi Western, Michael Vaughan and Ewan Maxwell to compete at its biggest competition to date, The Summer Dance Festival,**

**hosted by the Federation of Artistic Roller Skating, held in Crawley.**

The skaters travelled 120 miles to compete at the three day event, which is attended by clubs from all over Great Britain with over 300 skaters of all ages competing.

The club had excellent results from all skaters, with a special mention to Bethan Daly and Michael Vaughan who skated together in the couples' event and came second!

Sheilah Davies, the club trainer,

was extremely pleased with the results and is now training the skaters for the next competition in December.

The club meets at the Colcot Sports Centre on Tuesdays from 6 to 8pm and competitive training sessions take place at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

Anybody interested in joining the club please contact the club secretary Anne-Marie Escott on 07517854453 or visit our website [glamorgan-artistic-rsc.webs.com](http://glamorgan-artistic-rsc.webs.com).

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## Weakened Sully teams are beaten

**WITH several a hiding. The hosts batted first and were soon well on top, with openers Lewis (41) and Evans (51) sharing a century partnership.**

**Another stand of 84 between Webber (93 not out) and Scarborough (36) and 101 between Webber and Edwards (46 not out) saw Croesy to 296 for 3 at the end of the 45 overs.**

**One moment of concern was when Emma Davies was injured as she attempted to take a catch, with the ball hitting her in the sternum, but she bravely returned to the field of play for the latter stages of the Croesyceiliog innings.**

**When Centurions batted, opener Munim Khan just failed to reach his half century when he was caught on the boundary for 49. But a procession of wickets did not help the cause.**

**Only Steve Morse (11) and Paul Harrison (10) reached double figures and the innings closed on 98 all out in the 30th over.**

**Croesyceiliog II 296/3 Sully Centurions II 98 all out.**

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## Romilly beaten by the title challengers

**BARRY Romilly entertained title challengers Troedryhiw at Romilly Park on Saturday for their final league game, expecting a hard game which proved the case.**

**From the outset Romilly found the going tough but were only one down by the fifth end although this was mainly due to Brian Foscolo's rink who were in superb form and ahead 12 - 0 at this stage.**

**The Romilly rinks of Mike Doyle, Mel Newman and Jeff Wright were struggling against their opponents and by the 10th end Romilly were 13 behind even with Foscolo's rink still holding a 10 shot advantage.**

**The Troedryhiw players were in tremendous form especially Welsh international Liam Stone, who was skipping the rink against Mel Newman and showed his class pulling off some incredible shots to lead by 17 shots by the 15th end.**

**Romilly skips Jeff Wright and Mike Doyle were also playing second fiddle to Troedryhiw skips Lee Morgan and**

**Richie Davies and were behind 11 and eight shots respectively; also at end 15, Foscolo's rink of Jeff Coles, Phil Herbert and Fred Phillips continued to play well and were still ahead by seven shots.**

**With the deficit of 31 shots overall Romilly appeared to lose heart as their opponents piled on the pressure - even Foscolo's rink started to succumb to some excellent bowls from their opponents with skip Dai Jones to the fore. Although two up going into the final end, it took Foscolo with his final bowl to draw second shot when four down to hold out for single shot victory.**

**The other Romilly rinks continued to leak shots and the final score was a resounding victory for the visitors by 47 - 103, with two points for Romilly and 12 to Troedryhiw.**

**Special mention must go to Phil Herbert who was brought in at the last minute to play his first game for the Romilly club side having only played occasionally for the 'A' team and he acquitted himself very well, putting in some fine bowls while playing on the only winning rink.**

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### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

#### Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00776/FUL Replacement of windows to front elevation 83, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00790/FUL Replacement of white upvc box sash sliding windows on front elevation 5, Hickman Road, Penarth
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00867/FUL Renewal of planning permission 2009/00414/FUL for the erection of a dwelling Land at Middlegate Court, Cowbridge
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00868/FUL Two storey and single storey extension Aberthin Cottage, Llanquian Road, Aberthin
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00880/FUL Demolish existing 3 bed semi-detached residential dwelling and construct 4 bed sustainable dwelling (semi-detached) - Amendment to application 2012/00910/FUL 99A, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00913/FUL Conversion of bed and breakfast accommodation to two flats 1, Sheepcourt Cottages, Bonvilston

#### Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00886/CAC Demolish existing 3 bed semi-detached residential dwelling and construct 4 bed sustainable dwelling (semi-detached) - Amendment to application 2012/00911/CAC 99A, Plymouth Road, Penarth
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#### Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	2014/00748/LBC Install a log burning stove and flue chimney Castleton Court, Castleton Road, St. Athan
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The Pumphouse, Hood Road, Barry

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	2014/00855/FUL Dismantling and rebuilding of rear annex as part of the redevelopment of the site into flats. Rear Annex, Former Fire Station, Court Road, Barry
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#### Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad:	2014/00863/OUT Residential development of up to 200 No. dwellings and associated works Land south of Port Road West, Weycock Cross, Barry
Application No./ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad:	2014/00916/FUL Demolition of a portal frame farm building and two outbuildings, construction of a new dwelling, construction of covered car parking areas to serve the existing bungalow and new dwelling, formation of new curtilages for the two dwellings, repair and construction of associated boundary walls and accompanying hard and soft landscaping schemes Land adjacent to Great House Farm Bungalow, Penlyn
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**Dated / Dyddiedig: 21 August, 2014**

**M. Goldsworthy  
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT**

# Dyffryn farmer's daughter competes against Olympians

**AMY Jane Thomson, a farmer's daughter from Dyffryn in the Vale, together with her 15h pony, Super Snoopy, competed against top Olympic events at her first BE CCI 1\* event in Somerford Park over the weekend.**

Having been successful with Snoopy in Novice sections over the season, Amy felt they were both ready to don the traditional top hot and tails for the dressage test and take on the challenge of a 1\* cross country course.

With a dressage score of 56.9, Amy and Snoopy were lying in the middle of the 142-strong field of competitors after the first day. A lovely clear round over the show jumps on Sunday morning meant the pair were able to face the 22 cross country obstacles still on their dressage score.

"Because he is so small compared to the other horses going round the track, he just has to fly round as fast as he can," said Amy - and fly round he did!

Clear over every obstacle with just 1.2 time penalties (3 seconds over the optimum time) to add to the dressage score, gave them a total of 58.1 at the end of the weekend, finishing 21st out of the 142 competitors.

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## SULLY BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

**MONDAY, August 11,** Saturday, August 16: North/South: 1st Val Hetheridge/Hazel Hession 62.22, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 59.44, 3rd Barbara Burde/Sue Attley 53.33.

East/West: 1st Bill Leyburne/Lynne Leyburne 58.10, 2nd Mary Blackwell/Peter Blackwell 54.29, 3rd Sam Fellows/Norman Ryley 53.81.

**WEDNESDAY, August 13:** North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 63.43, 2nd Joan Thomson/Sheila Kavanagh 56.71, 3rd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 56.02.

East/West: 1st Jayne Greatrex/John Pikoulis 66.67, 2nd Richard Alley/Brenda Shepherd 59.95, 3rd Judith Owen/Helen Jordan 54.17.

## Bridge results VALE of Glamorgan Bridge club for August 18:

1st Mike Best & David Birt 70%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 68.31%, 3rd Liam Sheridan & John Beard 62.66%.

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## BOWLERS ON FORM

**THERE were four all-weather green at overwhe lming successes in this home side and ML4 match on the Cadoxton.**

weather surface, and not forgetting the performance of David Evans to restrict the opponents to just seven winning ends

Two of the wins went in favour of both sides, with the aggregate going to the home side.

Howard Craven had the best result for Cadoxton with Howard Hellyar always giving them a good start from the lead position. The pressure was applied with constant back up from the other members of the four to restrict the opposition to just four winning ends.

Conversely, the rink skipped by Gordon Davies never came to terms with the green and managed just six successful ends, in their defeat.

Don Kuhnell skipped his rink to overthrow the home rink, with ample support from John Jones. There was also acceptable back up from Rob Byrnes, playing his first game on an all-

The fourth rink was skipped by Kelvin Chedgoy. This rink had more even play, except for a session early in the game when three thirds and a two were conceded on consecutive ends, by the visitors, and were never recovered.

**Scores:** H Hellyar, S Clarke, D Brook, H Craven 26 - 8 E Morris R Evans, M White, R Ball; P Swannick, R Harding, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 14 - 28 P Hoad, M Banks, H Jupp, P Williams; R Byrne, D Evans, J Jones, D Kuhnell 28 - 16 J Cureo, L Parsons, L Wilmott, L Parsons Jnr; G Solomon, D Tuck, D Jeffries, G Davies 10 - 36 C Ashdown, R Boardman, T Lages, G Lages. Final score: 78 - 88.

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Ms. D. Marles  
Monitoring Officer  
Civic Offices, Holton Road  
Barry CF63 4RU

18th August, 2014



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# Local horse Wellfieldstyle comes good at Penybont harness race event!

**THE magic of Penybont races on the first Wednesday of August doesn't diminish as the years go by, it is one venue which has an unique atmosphere, built up since the first meeting 93 years ago. It still delights in the nickname of the Wembley of Wales and it is still the place that every horse owner wants their horse to come good.**

The day began with the two Nursery races with young Oliver Jones steering the Perks family from Presteigne's horse Fold Elite to victory in the first while young Zac Lewis from Welshpool partnered his own George Gentle to win the second.

The racing 'proper' began with the Novice heats, with the first going to the up and coming Habberley Playboy (Johns Shrewsbury) driven as always by his trainer Derek Pritchard; in second was the

impressive Chaps o Neil (Morgan Buith) while Miss Jackpot (Langford Ammanford) was third.

In the second heat Dragon Penlan partnered by Aled Davies for the Barton family from Clunderwen were first passed the post from Greenwood Romeo (Duggan Llangunllo) and Blackfield Billie (Lewis Welshpool).

Aled gained a back to back double by winning the third Novice heat aboard Brywys Lucky Charm for enthusiastic supporters the Jones family from Brecon, while C U Choteau (Thomas Llanbister) was second and Chinatown Lucky (Williams Pencader) was third.

The grade B heats were next on the card, in the first heat Habberley Haste (Lloyd New Radnor) coming back from an out of season injury, provided a good win for his trainer Andrew Hardwick; in second place was the grey Camden Lock (Probert Merthyr) while Ymwy Taffie (Evans Llanybydder) was third.

In the second heat the backmarker Wellfieldstyle, the

new horse belonging to the Edmunds family from Porthcawl and piloted by nephew Mark White, came home in front of Holmes Dreamer (Eggerton Norton Canon) and Greenhill Cliff (Williams Brecon).

Kickstart (Williams Brecon) added to his reputation in the hands of Andrew Hardwick in the third heat, winning from Too Hot Today (Jones Merthyr) and newcomer The Bold Jack (Gething Gilwern).

The first heat of the grade A was won by last year's winner Bon Jasper (Jones Llanllwni), again employing the services of young Mark White to drive; in second was Blackfield Buddy (Barton Clunderwen) with Cloudburst (Eggerton Norton Canon) in third.

Rhys Desire (Thomas Rhymney) qualified in fine style in the second grade A heat in the capable hands of young garage mechanic Mark Evans from Brecon, Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) ran well to be second with last week's hero Chaps Commander (Jones Talgarreg) in third. Clares Own



(Evans Newcastle Emlyn) never runs a bad race and qualified for another final with usual pilot Mathew Tromans, while Ithon Inmate (Price Brecon) gave the family another second and the little Terrian Hanover (Davies Dihewyd) was third.

After the electric atmosphere of the heats, the Baby Novice races gave the younger horses centre stage. The first race provided a win for Brywys Crispy Duck (Davies Drefach) from Hendre Princess (Jones Llanllwni) in second, with Big Harry (Duggan Llangunllo) third.

In the second race the

diminutive Ithon Gift (Bird Ludlow) gave a popular win for long time supporter trainer/driver Richard Adams from Anchor, while Hilltop Surprise (Tromans Newcastle Emlyn) was second and Self Pozest and James Hussey from Merthyr was third.

Made in Wales (Evans Red Roses) with Aled Davies at the controls took the third Baby Novice from Grecho the Kingswood horse belonging to Mike Lloyd while stylish Pilsbury Lady (Rogers Asterton) was third.

The saddle trot is always a popular feature of grass racing and it

was Ithon Ghost (Wilson Llanfihangel ar arth) partnered by Rebecca Hitchcock who claimed the honours from Bon Hasty (Collingwood Huntington) with Tyssul Pearl (Barton Clunderwen) and Llwyns Hall (White Porthcawl) sharing third prize.

Lakeside Pan the new horse belonging to old favourite John Elder from New Quay took the dash driven by son Wayne, while No Mercy (Weigel Llanddewi Velfrey) was second and Mahogany Magic (Davies Dehewyd) was third.

The tension mounted

with the three finals; the first, the Novice gave the Johns family from Shrewsbury reason to celebrate as Derek Pritchard brought back marker Habberley Playboy home in front of Brywys Lucky Charm (Jones Brecon) and Chaps O Neil (Morgan Buith).

This win now qualifies Habberley Playboy for open racing.

The Grade B final provided a win for another backmarker as Wellfieldstyle powered home for the Edmunds family from Porthcawl, with Kickstart (Williams Brecon) second and another backmarker The Bold Jack (Gething Gilwern) in third. The next time Wellfieldstyle appears on a race track he will be in the Grade A.

The penultimate race of the day was the Grade A final, which is every horse owner's dream. This year Bon Jasper (Jones Llanllwni) showed what a class horse he is, by repeating last year's success, in the hands of Mark White; he joins the very select band of horses who have won

Penybont premier race more than once.

In second place was Clares Own (Evans Newcastle Emlyn) while Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) was third.

The final race of the day was the mile and a half, this is one of the original races began almost a century ago, and it still holds a special place in the hearts of the locals.

Blackies Boy the sometimes erratic horse belonging to the Prosser family from Libanus, and driven by Melanie Langford proved he had plenty of stamina for the extra distance, as they came home in front of Dornol Duke (Wozencraft Llangurig) and Tommy the Dealer (Bevan Llanddewi).

The final award was a cup in memory of the late Colin Davies who for so long guided Penybont races as commentator and committee member.

The family presented the cup to Mark White as leading driver on the day having secured four wins, two of which were the Grade A & B finals. A day that this young man will not forget in a hurry.

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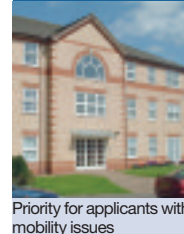
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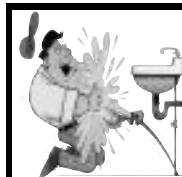
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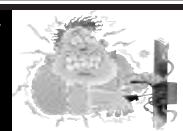
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**Family Notices****NEWMAN  
Cal**

Cal Newman, blues legend, passed away on August 12, after a short battle with cancer.

Best friend and sole partner of Ani, loving father of Dean, Glen and Lisa and much loved grampy.  
Cal's funeral will be held at 1.30pm on August 28 at AG Adams & Son, Tynwydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA, followed by the wake at Barry Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

A note to all musicians: In the immortal words of Cal: "I'm telling ya", feel free to bring your instruments to the wake for a celebration of Cal's life.

**FRANCIS  
Glyn Royston**

Sadly passed away at Holme Tower, Penarth on August 14th. He will be sadly missed by all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at WA Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral Tuesday, 26 August 2014 in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only please). All are welcome to join the family at West House Hotel after the service.

**Joan Halliday**

Died peacefully in Bristol, aged 93, on 12 August.

Joan will be greatly missed by her family and her many friends. There will be a cremation in Bristol attended by family only. A service to celebrate Joan's life will be held at 2pm on Friday, 29 August at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations may be made at the service to RNLI.

**JOHN  
James Llyn MBE**

Llyn, of St Athan, died peacefully at Milsom House Nursing Home on August 12 after a short illness. Devoted husband to Elsie, loving father to Sue and the late Jayne, father-in-law to John and Jorgen, grandfather to Kristian, great-grandfather to Alex and big brother to David and Treca.

You will be missed by so many now that you have gone to your final posting.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday August 22, service 1pm at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to The Alzheimers Disease Society (an organisation very close to Llyn's heart) c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

**STIMSON  
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Peacefully on 12 August at U.H.W. Cardiff after a long illness bravely fought, Glenys Irene, aged 82 years of Merthyr Street, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Lester John. A loved mother of Larry, Robert, Steve, Terry and James. Loving mother in law, cherished grandmother and great grandmother, Glenys will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Tuesday, 26 August. Service in the chapel at 2.45pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium 3.45pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for the British Red Cross.

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on August 28 at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

**DAVIES  
Ronald Arthur  
(Big Arthur from Wick)**

Peacefully on Thursday, August 14 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, aged 67. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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## Millwood bowls round-up

IN this friendly against Cardiff Masonic, Millwood were losers by a matter of only six shots.

The serious end of the season has come to its climax so now is the time to get some friendly games played.

Millwood were always playing catch up to Masonic after going behind 7-18 after the first four ends, and then finishing with a bit of a burst, going from 18 shots down on the 13th end at 36-54 to finish 59-65 down at the final end.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the game, there are still some other friendlies to play yet as well as our finals day on September 6.

Millwood 'A' could have done without a bad result at the end of the season, as their 27

shot defeat, and a 2-12 points loss, against Caerphilly Social dashes the chance that the 'A' side had of climbing toward the top places of the division.

At the fifth end the 'A' side were 15 shots adrift at 14-29, but rallied round to only trail by four shots at 41-45 on the 10th end.

After the 15th end Caerphilly had increased their lead to 52-78, and finished after the 21st end to win the game by 27 shots at 67-94.

It was hard luck for the 'A' side, but there is an unfinished game to be settled yet so there is still a chance to improve the league position.

This Saturday both Millwood sides are playing friendlies against Llantwit Major; the club side are away and the 'A' side are at home.



## Simon's 'ironman' spirit helps MS Society

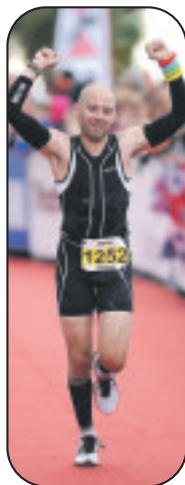
A PRINCIPALITY Building Society employee showed his ironman spirit to finish a gruelling triathlon challenge for MS Society Cymru.

Simon Tippet, who works at Wales' largest building society, took part in the Outlaw Triathlon 2014 in Nottingham, swimming 2.4 miles, cycling 112 miles and running 26.2 miles to raise £265 for MS Society Cymru, Principality's Charity of the Year.

Despite warm temperatures and having an accident on his bike, Simon managed to complete the challenge in 12 hours and 16 minutes, finishing the swim in one hour 27 minutes, the bike in six hours three minutes, and the marathon in four hours and 32 minutes with a further 12 minutes in transition.

Simon, aged 42, said: "I have taken part in a range of challenges over the last few years but I wanted to do something special to help raise money for MS Society Cymru.

"I was delighted to complete the challenge and raise money for this deserving charity. 140.2 miles might seem like a struggle but many people face bigger challenges every day. While there is currently



no cure for MS, research will hopefully help to change this."

Staff at Principality Building Society's Cardiff-based head office, 53 branches and 17 agencies across Wales and the borders voted for MS Society Cymru as their latest official charity.

Iestyn Evans, MS Society Cymru fundraising manager, added: "It's down to the amazing efforts from individuals such as Simon that make it possible for us to provide vital support for people with MS in Wales and carry out world-leading research to find a cure and beat MS."

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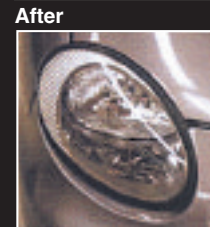
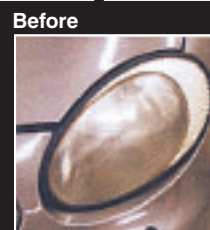
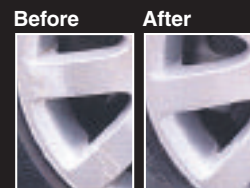
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## Thomas on the hunt for World Championship glory in Canada

W E L S H Paralympian Stephen Thomas will be on the hunt for World Championship success when he lines up at the 2014 IFDS Disabled Sailing Combined World Championships in Halifax, Canada (August 15 - 24).

The London 2012 Paralympian competes in the three-person Sonar class with John Robertson and Hannah Stodel and lined up against the world's best sailors when racing got underway at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron on Tuesday.

"The IFDS Worlds are an important event for us. We have had a solid block of training down in Weymouth and Portland and we are really happy with the way things have

been going," said the 37-year-old Thomas from Bridgend prior to leaving for the Championships.

"A podium finish at this year's event for us is key of course, but it is also pretty paramount that we nail what we have been working on in our training over the last month or so to ensure we are on the right path for the Paralympic Games in two years' time."

Racing at the IFDS Disabled Sailing Combined World Championships started on Tuesday, August 19 and concludes on Sunday, August 24. There are 11 races in total scheduled for each class (two races per day Tuesday - Saturday and one race on Sunday).

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The children were able to use the world-

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Players were taken through their paces in technical sessions by top PG10 UEFA qualified coaches and coaches from various Premier League clubs, players as well shone

in development matches against Premier League clubs.

An important factor of the day was to educate the children about nutrition and how to lead a healthy lifestyle and prepare for games and training professionally.

Players who attended the day were also given opportunities to attend the Ladies World Cup qualifying match between Wales and England at Cardiff City Stadium.

To get involved in PG10 activities please visit [www.pg10coaching.co.uk](http://www.pg10coaching.co.uk) phone 0795270870 email [petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk) or follow on Twitter @petegriff10.

## Calling all fencers!

L L A N T W I T MAJOR Fencing Club is an amateur club and resumes its weekly training sessions on Monday, September 1, from 7 - 9pm at the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

At present the number of club members is small and there is a need to increase the membership, especially juniors between 10 - 14 years old, to ensure the survival and future of the club and to build on its past successful competitive record.

The club has been in existence for over 40 years and has produced many Welsh champions and even Commonwealth medallists. Experienced adult fencers are also

welcome as an essential component of the club's competitive profile and reputation.

Of particular importance to the successful development of the juniors is the practical support from the parents. The club can provide equipment for the initial stages of development but once beginners become established fencers they are encouraged to buy additional equipment in order to fence with the club's modern electric recording equipment and take part in competitions in local and UK competitions.

For further information contact Gordon Kingston, either by e-mail: [kingstonga@talktalk.net](mailto:kingstonga@talktalk.net) or telephone 01446792833. Gordon is

the main coach and has experience as a high level competitor and coach for the life of the club.

He has had much success in training dedicated junior fencers to achieve targets such as medal positions in Welsh Championships and selection to fence at international level for Wales and even the UK.

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## Barrivale Bridge

THE results from Barrivale Bridge Club on August 12 are as follows:

First, Peter Millar and Mike Best 64.71 per cent; second, Jane Kay Dyer and Mark Roderick 53.52 per cent; third Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 53.39 per cent.

Peter Millar and Mike Best also won on handicap. New members are always welcome at Barrivale. Contact 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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# NEWS FROM PENARTH LAWN TENNIS CLUB



U-14 girls' finalists.



Mini Red players receiving their medals.



Men's doubles finalists.

**PENARTH Lawn Tennis Club** successfully returned to the Wales summer tournament schedule, running the inaugural 'Penarth Open' Grade 4 tennis tournament between August 4-7.

The event organised by The Vale Tennis Academy attracted almost 200 players from all over Wales and England to the Rectory Road club, with over 20 events on offer ranging from eight and under to 18 and under, as well as adult singles and double events.

Throughout the week the club was busy with spectators and competitors enjoying the great tennis and atmosphere laid on by the club.

Peter Drew, CEO of Tennis Wales, commented: "It's really great to see Penarth Lawn Tennis Club running such a fantastic new tournament. To get so many players in the first year the club has run the event is a great achievement and a great credit to the tournament committee. Penarth LTC has become one of the most successful tennis clubs in Wales in recent years and a big tournament of this calibre will help to further develop the club's growing success."

These words were echoed by the club chairman, Simon Elias, who added that: "Following the success of this year's event, the club is looking forward to staging the event again next year and will look to build on this year's strong foundation by attracting more and higher-rated players to the club."

The winners and runners-up of the

*Penarth Open 2014* were: men's doubles winners Timothy Hartland and Daniel Hughes; runners-up Oliver Jackson and Martin Radford; women's singles winner Rose D'Sa, runner-up Rachel Tooby; men's singles winner Richard Hinchy-Price, runner-up Daniel Hughes; under-18 girls' doubles winners Seren Marsh and Grace Samuel, runners-up Alice Cadenhead and Gnielle Rodriguez; under-18 boys' doubles winners Joseph Hall and Brandon Wheeler, runners-up William Marsh and Spencer Robinson; under-18 girls' singles winner Gnielle Rodriguez, runner-up Alice Cadenhead; under-18 boys' singles winner Brandon Wheeler, runner-up Joseph Hall; under-16 girls' singles winner Emily Griffin, runner-up Eleanor Findlay; under-16 boys' singles winner Nathaniel Walker, runner-up Jack Grayer; under-14 boys' doubles winners Tom Jenkins and Rory Wiltshire, runners-up Jack Ritchie and Zain Yousef; under-14 girls' singles winner Niamh Sweeney, runner-up Eleanor Johnson; under-14 boys' singles winner Edward Shattock, runner-up Ewan Adam Mackie; under-12 boys' singles winner James Findlay East, runner-up James Symons-Hicks; under-10 mixed singles winner Nicole Kells, runner-up Ella Davies; under-9 girls' singles winner Nora Khediri, runner-up Katie Savill; under-8 mixed singles winner Zechariah Hamrouni, runner-up Tom Norton.

The club would like to thank Curo Advisors and Savill's Property for sponsoring the event, its club members for their voluntary work in the kitchen and bar and to

Vale Tennis Academy for orchestrating such a fantastic event. As far as this season goes, PLTC is now looking ahead to the annual handicap tournament and the Vale Tennis Academy will be running its annual winter junior club league.

If you have a child looking to take up tennis then VTA are running tennis coaching camps in Penarth, Barry, Cowbridge and the Vale Resort.

For more information on VTA's coaching and competitions visit [www.valetennisacademy.co.uk](http://www.valetennisacademy.co.uk). Anyone interested in joining the club from September can benefit from discounted membership rates. More information on PLTC is available at [www.pltc.org.uk](http://www.pltc.org.uk). RC



Under-18 boys' doubles finalists.



Under-18 boys' finalists.



Mini Green girls' finalists.

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## 10-man Dinas Powys are overpowered by Barry Town United

**THIS** was always going to be a difficult season opener for Dinas Powys against Barry Town United.

It was certainly not helped by having a number of experienced squad members unavailable for various reasons, conceding an early penalty and losing a key defender with concussion, plus having a player red carded with an hour still to play, which made the Dinas management team of Lee Saunders and Keith Williams realise it was not going to be their day.

The first five minutes was fairly even but Dinas defender Joe Briscoe took a knock to the head after seven minutes and Barry pressed hard, Dale Howarth forcing a finger tip save by James Curtin.

The resulting corner was cleared and the Villagers began to settle until disaster struck in the 10th minute when they conceded a penalty for a trip in the box which James Dixon smashed into the roof of the net giving Curtin no chance. At the other end Jack Preston found Carlos Indjai but his effort was over the bar.

Briscombe was still feeling the effects of his earlier knock and had to be replaced by Mamadu Banguraso with just 20 minutes gone. Dinas did manage to get the ball in the net, Ryan Garland latching onto a through ball but he was adjudged offside.

Barry were looking strong and confident and they doubled their tally just two minutes later, Dale Howarth finding Rhys James on the edge of the six yard box for an easy tap-in.

Curtin was called into action again making a fantastic save from Dixon. This was followed by a goalmouth scramble but the Dinas rearguard eventually cleared the danger.

On the half-hour mark Dinas were awarded a free kick on the edge of the Barry box, Ryan Garland forcing Barry keeper Dan Bradley to make a one handed save, pushing the ball around his left post.

The corner was unproductive but Dinas were beginning to get more possession, Indjai making progress down the left wing and getting in a good cross which the Barry defence got to first.

Then came the controversial

sending off. Luke Swaffield was red carded (very harshly was the general consensus) for a high tackle and Dinas knew it was going to be very hard to get back into the game with 10 men.

Barry had a couple more corners before the break but couldn't add to their score.

Dinas set up their formation to frustrate Barry and it worked well for most of the half, the Villagers having more possession than they did in the first period; however, with 12 minutes of the half played, the hosts made the game safe when a through ball somehow evaded all the Dinas defence to reach Troy Greening to smash it home for 3-0.

Dinas are not the sort of team to drop their heads though and a determined run and cross by Ben Ah-Mun found Preston at the far post and his volley cannoned off the left upright with Bradley beaten and was cleared.

With 20 minutes remaining Dinas introduced fresh legs, Sam Johnson replacing Preston, and they rallied for a while, forcing a corner which went out for a throw in and a further chance came when

Indjai found Johnson but his effort was wide of the upright.

Curtin then showed why he is so highly thought of by the Dinas management team, making a superb reaction save from Howarth, followed by another finger-tip save from Greening with five minutes remaining.

However in injury time Howarth made it 4-0, driving in from the right to hit a superb shot high into the net, which somewhat flattered the Barry side, who deserved the win, but Dinas are confident that when all the squad are available, they will be able to match most teams in this division.

**Squad:** 1 James Curtin, 2 Ali Akmol, 3 Luke Swaffield, 4 James Bloxham (c), 5 Joseph Briscoe, 6 Rhodri Foote, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Keiron James, 9 Ben Ah-Mun, 10 Jack Preston, 11 Carlos Indjai, 12 Mamadu Banguraso, 14 Jack Coles, 15 Samuel Johnson, 16 Alex Hales.

Llanwern are the visitors to the Murch on Saturday, August 23, 2.30pm kick off.

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## SAINTS START THEIR SEASON WITH VICTORY

**BARRY** Saints kicked off the new season with three points after a hard earned victory over Railway Wanderers.

It wasn't all plain sailing for the Saints as they twice came back from behind to claim a 6-3 victory to send them top of the league.

Saints started the better of the two teams, keeping possession and carving out opportunities at will. Railway managed to get the ball out of their half and earn a corner. From this they took the lead in controversial fashion.

The ball was floated in and with that a Railway player controlled the ball with his hand and his cross-cum-shot found a teammate to bundle home.

Saints pressed for the equaliser and it deservedly came when Joss Davies shot from the edge of the box to find the bottom corner. Halftime was approaching before the Saints took the lead. A mazy run by David Evans saw him glide past three defenders and unselfishly lay the ball across the box for Michael Evans to tap home.

In second half the Saints again found themselves pressing only to be pegged back after a long ball was not dealt with and a low shot hit the post

and went in to even the score. Moments later a burst down the right from the Railway winger saw him deliver a looping cross to find his teammate to slam a volley home to take the lead again.

With the Saints staring at an unlikely loss on the opening day the momentum swung their way. After a set piece wasn't dealt with by Railway, the ball fell to centre half Luke Brody-Miles 30 yards out. Using his chest to control the ball he cut across a looping volley which was too hot to handle and landed in the top corner.

Saints kept pushing and were rewarded after some neat and tidy play as Nathan Williams found space in the box to score with a good finish.

Another break by the Saints found striker Townsend, only for him to unselfishly lay the ball through for Williams to grab his second. As the game was coming to an end and a winning start achieved it was only fitting for central midfielder Williams to complete his hat-trick with a simple finish.

This week's game will be at Trelai, where Saints play third placed Blackweir Ravens.

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## Liam takes sting out of Scorpion!

**ON** Sunday August 10, at Llantrisant leisure centre, an explosive kickboxing points event took place called Redemption.

Fighters were matched prior to the day to ensure a fair fight. Clubs entered included T.K.A and C.M.A from Birmingham, Scorpions from Bridgend, and Womaa Wales from Cardiff.

Liam Rees (17) of Womaa Wales entered the event and was matched to a fighter from Scorpions club in Bridgend. Liam comfortably took the lead in the first round and looked a more



experienced fighter, talented youngster went on to take the sting out of the Scorpions' tail and lead into round two using a full range of win the fight for another kickboxing skills. This fantastic win.

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## AM supports cricket club's open day



**BARRY** Athletic and Cricket Club held an open day on Saturday, September 16, supported by the England and Wales Cricket Board and Waitrose.

Vale AM, Jane Hutt, was invited to support the event and watch Barry beat Creigiau Cricket Club, and she said: "Congratulations to Barry Athletic and Cricket Club for organising the open day supported by the ECB and Waitrose with the Barry Club excelling as usual. I look forward to supporting their 125th anniversary next year!"

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## YOUNG GOLFER HITS HOLE-IN-ONE

**THE** time was right for a Dinas Powys golfer when he scored a hole-in-one during a recent club competition to be rewarded with a limited-edition BOSS watch as recognition for the achievement.

Spencer Robinson (15) scored his ace on the 119-yard, par-three second at Glamorganshire GC, and the eight-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1 Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The luxury German brand has once again pledged to reward club golfers with an exclusive watch for every hole-in-one recorded during a club competition in 2014 after giving away £600,000-worth of limited-edition mementos in 2013 - and Robinson is among the latest to achieve the feat this year.

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